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INTRODUCTION.

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The wills are printed as nearly as possible in extenso, some technical forms and tedious repetitions being, however,

omitted; and, with very few exceptions, every legacy has been inserted. It has been thought desirable to retain the contractions and capricious manner of spelling, so as to give a faithful and literal copy of the original.

My warmest thanks are due to Henry Raikes, Esq., the Registrar of the Diocese, not only for permission to collate the MSS., but for previous examinations of the Records in his care. To the Rev. Canon Raines of Milnrow I am under the deepest obligation for information at all times so liberally afforded, and for his valuable assistance and advice whilst the work was progressing through the press.

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LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE WILLS.

THE WILL OF EMME LATE WIFE OF ANDREW CARRINGTON OF CARRINGTON ESQ.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen The xxvj day of Marche in the yeĩ of o^{r} Lord God mcccc.....[I Emme] Caryngton the late wiffe of Andrew Caryngton esquier decessed hole in mynd and . ..... body dredynge the pells of dethe make my last will and testament in mañ and forme fo..... ffirst I beqweth my sowlle unto Almyghtie God o^{r} lady Saynt Mary and to all y^{e} ..... company of heyvn and my body to be buryed in Saint Nicholes chapell at Bowden Also I will that my best guds be my mortuarie And for the assured disposic̃on and ..... of all my goodę I will and beqweth unto my son Laurence Holynwort and [sic] the gowne ..... he boght me in London redy maid as it is in recompence of that he paid for it Also I will ..... unto Wiłłm Holynwort my son x^{li} w^{t} this pviso that if he

[1] Proved April 11, 1525. Andrew Carrington, husband of the testatrix, died about 12 Hen. VIII., in which year his inquisition post mortem was taken. In the pedigree of this family in Ormerod's *Cheshire*, vol. i. p. 412, the name of Andrew Carrington's wife is not mentioned, but it is evident from this will that she was the mother of John Carrington, and that she had been previously married to a Hollingworth, probably of the family of that name in the parish of Mottram.

delyv or cawse to be delyved ..... to my son John Caryngton the astate y^t^ he hadde by my request of y^e^ grond of my son John then I will he have y^e^ forsaid sume of x^li^ And if he will nott delyv it then I will y^t^ my said ..... have y^e^ forsaid sume of x^li^ to his awne ppur use Also I publisshe and declare by this my ..... will and testament that it was nev my mynde nor entent nor it was nev agred bytwix ..... that my forsaid son Willm Holynwort schuld have nor receyve no man of part of the forsaid ..... Duryng my naturall liffe And moreov it was agred att y^e^ tyme of makyng of y^e^ said .... that I the forsaid Emme schuld have y^e^ custodye of the forsaid estate for suertie that he ..... aske no part theroff duryng terme of my liffe and so had unto such tyme as my said son ..... Holynwort accompanyed w^t^ my cosyn Thomas Hyde and my son John Holynwort and S^r^ John ..... pest cam to me and desired delyvaunce thereof for his awne suertie aft my decesse and he ..... sworne opon the holy Evangelists nev to aske no pt theroff duryng my liffe in psence of ..... forsaid psons And furthemor I the forsaid Emme say I have no pt of his goode in my ..... And all this aforsaid is trew as I schall answar att y^e^ day of judgement Also I will my son John Holynwort have y^e^ v markes that I lent hym and this halffe yere rent past is Also I will and beqweth to my said son John Holynwort a chalice w^t^ this pviso ..... may ther remayn for ev as an heyrlome and of my gifte and nev by hym or eny of ..... successo^rs^ thens to be removed Also I will and beqweth to my dogh Anne Ward my b..... and fruntlett Also I will and beqweth unto S^r^ Nicholas Warburton chaplyn to my said son .....Caryngton vj markes to syng a yer for my sowlle and my husbande sowlles and he to .. .. the chapell att Caryngton Also I will and beqweth unto John Caryngton my son ..... best of my movable goode to y^e^ valure of x^li^ w^t^ this pviso that he have y^e^ govme..... for tme of his liffe and aft his decesse to remayn to his heyr in this howse as of ..... for ev and nev by wiffe nor wiffes no pt y^r^off to be taken

away nor removyd ..... to continew for ev̄ mor̄ Also I will and beqweth aft̄ my bryngyng furth and my .. .. ev̄y thing cōtent and paid all y^e residew of my goodes unbeqwethed unto y^e mariag..... my son John Caryngton ij doghto^rs M'garett and Jane equally to be devyded betwixt ..... p^ry for my sowlle Also I will that my exequto^rs of the holl of all my goodes and ..... ev̄y thyng be savyd harmeles in fulfillyng of this my last will and he that ..... and is contentt to fulfyll yis my last will schall have my blessyng afor the face of ..... he that is wilfull and will lett or trobull my exequuto^rs in fulfyllyng of ..... my last will schall have my curse in hevyn and on herth Also ther̄ is div̄se ..... that I remytt to y^e discrecōn of my exequuto^rs And I cōstitute and orden my t..... exequuto^rs my son John Caryngton and my son John Holynwort to be [sic] that this ..... and ev̄y thyng substancially be pformed and Wiłłm Longley clerke pson of P'stwich .. .. thes beyng wittness Jamys Massy esquier Hugh Typpyng pson of Assheton ..... Sir Nicholas Smyth Sir Robert Massye S^r Nicholas Warburton w^t many mo.

THE WILL OF THOMAS STANLEY OF WEVER AND ALDERLEY.[1]

..... amen viij .. ... Julii anno ..... ccccxxv I Thomas Stanley of Wev̄ . ... hole in mynd make my testament and last

[1] No date of probate. Thomas Stanley was the second son and ultimately heir of Sir John Stanley, brother of Thomas first Earl of Derby, by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Wever of Wever and Alderley. He married in 1505 to his first wife, Douce, daughter of Thomas Leversedge of Wheelock Esq. Elizabeth, mentioned in the will, was his second wife, and died in 1527. Thomas Stanley, his son and heir,

will of all my goodes movables in man and forme as folowth that is to witte ffirst I beqwethe my sowlle to Allmightie God or lady Saint Mary and to all the sainttes in hevyn and my body to be buryed in the chauncell of my chapell wtin the Mydill Wiche and my best beast to be my mortuarie Also I giffe and beqweth to my wiffe Elisabeth Stanley all such sumes of money as I have or may have in the howre of my deth or schall have oghyng me for the mariedge of my son and heyr beyng unpayd of Thomas Davenport of Henbury esquier or of his heyres exequtors or assignes and all obligacions and ye pfettes yroff concernyng the same maryedge Also I will that of ye residew of my goodꝯ that I be broght home and my dettꝯ paid Also I will that ye rest of my goodes then lafte to be devydid it is to witte the on halffe to my wiffe and ye oy halffe to my child amonges them Also I giffe and beqweth to ye poch church of ye said Mydull Wiche and to my chapell their xxs by evyn porcons yt is to witt the on halffe to ye church and the oy halffe to my chapell to repacons theroff and my exequtors to have it to bestow theron as thei schall thinke best And also I will and orden my wiffe Elisabeth and Willm Stanley of Hooton knyght to be my exequtors and Willm Venables of Kinderton esquier to be my ovseer to se this my last will be fulfilled and kepte Thes beynge witnesses my gostly father Sr John Crosby curat Mr Ric. Sneid John Cleg of Gayton esquier John Cleg gentilman Randull Larden chaplen Raffe Huls Laurens Jacson Willm Barnes and oy

married Johanna, daughter of Thomas Davenport of Henbury Esq. The testator died in 1527, whose lineal representative is Edward John, the second and present Lord Stanley of Alderley.

TESTAMENT. ROB'TI HONFORD.

P̄bat̄ in eccl̄ia coll̄ Sc̄i Jō Cestr̄ xxvj die Augusti 1527.

IN Dei nomine Amen tercio die Augusti anno Dn̄i mccccxxvij Ego Robertus Honford de Ecthuls compos mētis et sane memorie eger tamē corpor̄ c̄nensque michi mortis p̄iculū im̄inere condo testamentū meū in hunc modū In p̄mis lego aīam meā Deo P̄ri Oīpotenti beate Marie Virgini et oībus sc̄is ejus corpusque meū sepeliend̄ in eccl̄ia Sc̄i Wylfrydi de Northen̄ in capella beate Marie ibidm̄ Et optimū meū aīal noīe mortuarii Itm̄ I giff to the serves off o^r lady off Northen̄ all my purchest landes as mor̄ pleynly shall apeř by a dede off feoffament made theřoff Iťm I giff ij heffurs to the said serves Iťm I will and charge myne executors and the ffeoffees off o^r ladies londes that they maynten S^r Hugh Johnson in that said serves of o^r lady att Northen̄ aforsaid and truly pey hym his wayges duly or cause thayme to be peid to hym yerly duryng his liff Iťm I giff vj^s viij^d off money in the handes off Homfrey Hamnett And vij^s vj^d in the hand̄ off Robt Rile off Sharston to the said serves off o^r lady aforsaid to maynteyne opon my p̄tie the seid serves Iťm I will that the rest off the money I hogh to o^r lady off Boston as shall apeř by my lett^r be well and truly cōtēted and paid Iť I gif to S^r Wiłłm Godeor vj^s viij^d to gett hym a serves w^t Iťm I giff my white chamlett iakett to be a vestiment to o^r lady chapell aforsaid Iť I beqweth my goblett off sylv̄ and iij off my wurst sylv̄ spones w^t all the sylv̄ plate that is opon my hornes (except my serv̄nt Wiłłm horne) toward the makyng off a chales to the said chapell and if the said stuffe be not sufficyant I will that myne executors make it owt att the syzt off M^r p̄son off Northen̄ Iťm I giff to the batelyng off the church off Northen̄ xxxiij^s iiij^d Iťm I giff to the makyng off the church of Cheidill xxxij^s iiij^d to be peid as their workis goith for-

ward Itm the world I aske forgiffynce and all the world charytably I forgiff and evy mā that I ogh money I desire theym for Godes sake to take the dett like as myne executors may pey theym and nott to be to hastye yꝑin. Itm I giff to Willm Mottursshed my sevnt a cowe and a gray nagge. Itm I giff to Elyn my sustr my gowne furrett wt whyte lambe. Itm my will ys that Robt my son have all my tackes. Itm the residue of my raymentes not beqwhethed I will that Robt my son have so that he giff to James Masey his second kendall iakett and also that he geiff to Richard Fene a iaket called my frocke The residue off all my goodes I giff clerely aftur my dettꝭ peyd my funall expenses made and my will truly ꝑformed unto Elyn my wyff and Robt my son which Robt I make orden and admytt my trewe and laifull executor to ꝑforme this my last will also I orden and make John Davcport off Wudford and Sr John Breikell pson off Northen supvisors off this my last will ꝓvidit heretofore that my will is that yechon off my servntꝭ have their holl wages and bysydes yechon xijd Thes beryng wittenes Sr Hugh Johnson ꝑest Sr Willm Godyer ꝑest and Willm Mottursshed with others dyverse &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN STARKEY OF AUGHTON.

Probaꝯ in eccē coꝶ Sct Joħis Cestr xvij die Septembr [1527.]

IN Dei noīe Amen prmo die mensis Septembris anno Dni milmo quingenmo vicesimo sexto Ego Johannes Starky de Aghton compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentū meū in hoc modo In prmis do et lego aīā meā Deo Oīpotenti bte Marie maꝯ sue et oībus scis ejus corpusque meū ad sepeliendū in ecctia ꝑochiali de Aghton coram altare Sancti Nicolai epi Item do et lego meū optimū

aĩal rectori eccℓie de Aghton noĩe pᵘncipali Item do et lego decē solidos ꝑ uno trentali missaꝝ distᵘbuendos inᵗ sacᵉdotes Iẗm do et lego dc̃e ecclie de Aghton sex solidos et octo denarios ꝑ ejusdē reparatioĩbus Iẗm do et lego Alexandro Radcliff militi oĩa mea terras et tenemēta que hēo die confeccionis ꝑsenᵗ infra coᵐ Lanc̃ ex dimissione et concessione M'gerie Starky matᵗs mee Item do et lego eiđ Alexandro ventᵗticū molendinū de Aghton que hēo ex donaciōe ejusdem M'gerie matᵗs mee coram testibus ad usum Elizabethe uxoris mee et suoꝝ pueroꝝ Item do et lego duo messuagia jacentia in Northwicho in comitaᵗ Cestr̃ cum dimidio domi salis scituaᵗ in ꝑdc̃o Northwicho ad usū ꝑdc̃e Elizabeth [et] pueroꝝ suoꝝ Item do et lego dc̃e Elizabeth uxori mee oĩa bona mea tam viva qᵐ mortua ad sustentationes ejusdē Elizabeth et pueroꝝ meoꝝ Item do et lego Joħ Starky filio meo nō legitĩe pcreatᵗ plenā ptē suā onū bonoꝝ meoꝝ legatoꝝ Itē do et lego dc̃o Alexandro Radcliff maritagiū Joħis Starky filii mei et heređ ad usū debita mea solvenđ revcione inde ad usū dc̃e Elisabeth et pueroꝝ suoꝝ Itē do et lego dc̃o Alexandro Radcliff oĩa mea carta [*sic*] scripta et munimenta concnentia ꝑras et tenemēta mea ea custodiẗ ad usū dc̃i Joħis filii et heredℓ mei Item ordino et facio Laurenciū Starky filiu meū et M'geriā Starky filiā meā meos veros executores ad implenđ istā meā ulc̃iaꝫ voluntatē sicut volūt respondeẗ in die judcii [*sic*] Item ordĩo et facio dc̃m Alexandrū Radcliff militē et Thurstanū Tylsley supvisores istius testamenti mei et cū illis Matho [*sic*] Clyton consangc̃um meū In cujus rei testᵐ sigillum meū apposui die et anno supᵉdc̃t

THE WILL OF JOHN MEOLES ESQ.

Probat̃ ibm eod̃ die [27 Sep. 1527.]

IN Dei noïe Amen xiij die Maii anno xix Hr viijvi ego Johes Meoles aꝛ̃ sciens me mortalē ac diē mortis mee incertū cōdo testamentū meū in hūc modū In pmis lego aïam meā Deo Oïpotenti bt̃e Marie et oïbꝫ sc̃is corpusque meū sepeliend̃ in ecc̃lia de Kyrkby Waley corā imagie bt̃i Nicholai Item lego ecc̃lie p̃dict̃ meū optim aïal noïe mortuarii Item lego fabrice campanilis ecc̃lie p̃dict̃ xls Item lego Kat̃ine filie mee bastard̃ xls Item lego pori domus Sc̃i Jacobi de Byrkeheved vjs viijd applicand̃ ad picturā cucifixiorii ecc̃lie poratus sui Item residuū bonoꝝ meoꝝ do et lego Thome Meoles señ frat̃ meo Kat̃ine Meoles sorori mee Galfrido Meoles filio meo et M'gerie Meoles filie mee dividend̃ p equales porcōes Item ordino et constituo Johem porem domꝰ Sc̃i Jacobi p̃dict̃ et Witm Pole militem meos executores ut ip̃i ordinēt et pimplent hanc meā ultiāꝫ volutatē Et Ranulphū Pole clīcū ordino et constituo supvisorē hujus test̃ mei hiis testibꝫ Henrico Meoles fratre meo Ričo Hurleston & Petro Deyn Dat. die & anno sup̃dict̃.

TESTAMENTUM THOME CROUGHTON.[1]

IN Dei noïe Amē I Thomas Croughton paynter wt in ye cite off Chestr holle off mynde and seke in body in thes forme and mañ foloyng my last testamēt and will in the yere off or Lord a mccc... & xxx do make In pmis I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God or blessed laydy and to all ye holy company off heven and my body to be buret

[1] Proved October 20, 1530.

w^{t} in y^{e} pych church off Sanct Oswalde Also I w.....that y^{p} be made a p^{r}ncipall and iiij tapers off wax at my beriall Also I beqweth to Sanct Fran..... w^{t} in y^{e} Grayfreis a taper off wax Also to the alter off Sanct Oswalde w^{t} in y^{e} exempt mon..... off Sanct Wurbur on other taper off wax Also apon y^{e} day off my buriall I will to be sayed ..... trentall of masses Also I will my dett^{e} holly be payd off my holle gud^{e} wych payd the resid..... to be equally divydid betwex my wyffe and my chyldren Also I will my wyffe and Willm Frauncesse brother be my executors Syr John Smyth and Willm Hoole m^{p}chand be my o^{v}seers for the ^{p}misses to be fulfilled and accomplessed In wittenes whe^{r} off this my last will and mynd Willm Barbur and Alex Dicknes w^{t} other moe beyng ^{p}sent do faythfully and substancially make and cause to be made.

TESTAMENTUM THOME BRICHE.[1]

IN Dei no^{i}e Amen In the 3e^{r} off owr Lord a mcccc & xx^{ti} the fyrst daye off August I Thomas Bryche wholle off mynde and syke in body make my testament on this ma^{n} In p^{r}mis I bequeth my sowle to Almyghti God and to his blessyd mod^{r} Seynt Marie and my body to be buryed in the colledge church of Manchest^{r} and in the name off my mortuarye my best beyst hors or cowe I^{t}m I bequeth to owre ladys ^{p}vice xij^{d} I^{t}m to the church werk^{e} iij^{s} iiij^{d} I^{t}m I will that ther be gyven to the mendyng off the lane on this syde the chapell off the ffrythe xij^{d} I^{t}m I will that my dogh^{tr} Alison have hir motheurs gyrdill I^{t}m I wille that the ij jack^{e} or coot^{e} shall goe the on to one howse and the othur to the othur howse I^{t}m it is my will y^{t} my wyff and Edm^{d} my sone have the howse that I dwell in And also as ffor the take that I holde off M^{r} Rauff

[1] No date of probate.

P̄stwich yt is my wyll that my wyff and hur children have it unto the tyme that they cū to eage and then Mr Rauff to put it which chylde he thynkę most able to do s̄vice for it Ităm I orden and make myn executors my wyffe and my son John to segh that this my last wille be done as they shall answar byfor̄ God Ităm I make my ov̄seers Mr Rauff P̄stwich and George Bryche gentilman Robart Brydocke John Smyth and Sr James Grene prest.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI FAIRBANCKE.[1]

IN the name off God Amen the tent day of June in the yer̄ of owr Lord God mdxx I Sir Williā ffairbank chaplen beyng in good mynd makę this my testament and last will in man̄ and forme foloyng ffyrst I bequeth my saull to Almyghty God or lady Saynt Marye and all the sanctę off heven and my body to be buryed in the chapell off Colne Also for my mortuarye my best gown Also I bequeth to the said chapell xs for my said buriall Also wher̄ that I lent xxd to Nicholas Michell off the Hall off Colñ I will that he giff and pay it to thuse of the said capell Also I bequeth to Sir Robt Blakey chaplen vjs viijd to pry for my saull wher̄ somev̄ that he will Also I bequethe to the said Sr Robt a gowñ clothe wt lynyng y⁹to p̄pared ligyng in the howse of Shaw late wyfe of Henry Shaw Also [I] bequeth to the sam viijs iiijd so that it be devidid among hir and hir children Also I orden and makę Edmūd ffairbank my ffather and Alis my mother to be my executores to whom I giff all my goodę above not bequethed to dispose to the plesur̄ off God and the welth off my saull. Theis wittnes Sir Robt Blakey aforsaid Riē Fawsett Wiłłm Fawset and oth⁹.

[1] No date of probate.

TESTAMENTUM HUGONIS STARKEY DE OLTON ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The third day of July y^e^ yere of o^r^ Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth twenty and syx I Hugh Starky of Olton in the cowntie of Chester squier seke in body and hole in my..... dredyng God and deth make and ordayn this my ꝑsent testament and last will ffyrst I beqweth and cõmend my sowlle to Almyghtie God my Creator and Redem^r^ to his blessed mother Saint Mary the virgyn and to all the holy cõpany of heven and my body to be buryed in the church of Owver Also I beqweth vij marks sterlyng to a ꝑest for to syng or say masse for my sowlle a holle ye... att Budworth church the same masses that Pope Innocent did syng for his mother wich be xiij masses And when the said ꝑest hath songon or said all the said xiij masses o^r^ he shall begyn them agayn and so to continew from tyme of my decesse duryng a holle yer^r^ Also I beqweth to poꝛ folks xviij^s^ ix^d^ to be daltt att y^e^ said church of Budworth apon xv Frydays next ensuyng the tyme of my decesse that is to wytt e^v^y Fryday xv^d^ Also I beqweth to y^e^ said church of Budworth a chales and a masse bok w^t^ a vestmentt and all o^y^ clothes necessary for a ꝑest to say masse in Also I beqweth to Jamys Starky my son a tenementt w^t^ all the ground y^r^to belongyng now in the holdyng of Robert Olton duryng the terme of his naturall liffe Also I beqweth to Ellyn Starky my dogh^r^ xx^li^ in money in full

[1] The testator was the son and heir of John Starkey of Oulton, by Agnes, sister of Sir John Needham of Shavington in the county of Shropshire Knt. He married Margaret, daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq. The estate acquired by the marriage of Peter, second son of Thomas Starkey of Stretton, with Johanna, daughter and coheiress of John de Olton, ante temp. Hen. VI., was alienated towards the close of the seventeenth century.

recompens of child is parte of all my goodes for it is my will that she make no ferther clayme Also I beqweth to dame Cisly my dogh^{r} xl^{s} Also I beqweth to Anne Legh ij kye and ij oxen and all my shep Also I beqweth to Saint Peter of Budworth a violett gowne furred and a velvett hudd Also I beqweth to John Hunt my best jakett and to Rondulph Kyrkeh$\tilde{m}$ Randulph Hicson and John Vernon e^{v}y of them a jakett Also I beqweth to Richard Gratewod xl^{s} xx^{s} theroff to bestow on hym to lerne to wryte and redd w^{t} John Lech and y^{e} oy^{r} xx^{s} to arey hym and cloth hym to bryng hym up to his mother Also I beqweth to Robert Legh a stagg and xx^{s} in money Also I beqweth to John Lech a stagg and xx^{s} in money Also I beqweth to S^{r} John Eyton prest x^{s} Also I beqweth to John Kyrkeh$\tilde{m}$ a bulloke y^{e} p^{r}ce x^{s} Also I beqweth to Saint Chadde of Owver my best h..... Also to Isabell Smyth a heffur calffe Also to Anne Walker a heffur calffe Also I beqweth [to] Budworth church v marks viij^{s} iiij^{d} now in the hands of Ric. Shaw George Pykeryng and Ric^{d} Scheppard like as it apperith by an obliga$\tilde{c}$on in the kepyng of Tho$\tilde{m}$s Hale of Budworth Also I beqweth to y^{e} white frerε of Cheste^{r} to say a trentall of masses for me x^{s} Also I beqweth towardε byyng off bells to Budworth church v^{li} sterlyng Also I ordeyn and make myn executors Robert Legh S^{r} John Eyton chapleyn and John Kyrkh$\tilde{m}$ to se that yis my p^{r}sent will well and truly to be observyd fullfilled and executed In wittnes wheroff John Legh S^{r} John Smyth chapleyn Rondulph Kyrkh$\tilde{m}$ and others.

TESTAMENTUM MARGARETE RELICTE HUGONIS STARKEY.[1]

Probat ix die Augusti [1526.]

IN the name of God Amen The xj day of July the yer̃ of o^{r} Lord God ..... I M^{g}garate Starky late wiff of Hugh Starky of Olton squier seke in body .... in mynd and of good remembrannce remembryng y^{e} certeytie of deth and the uncerteyntye of the tyme y^{r}off declare yis my last will ffirst I beqweth my sole to Allmyghtie God and to o^{r} blessed lady and to all the saintt^{s} in hevyn and my body to be buryed in the pich church of Owver Secundarye I will that y^{e} cost^{s} of my buryalles be maid of my holle goodes Also I beqweth xx^{s} in pence to be dellt to poore folk^{s} att the day of my burying Also I beqweth to Budworth stepull xx^{s} and toward the bying of the belles to y^{e} said stepull xx^{s} Also to Elisabeth my doghto^{r} vj^{s} viij^{d} Also I giff toward y^{e} makyng of Budworth stepull and toward the bying of y^{e} belles my best gowne Also I gyff to Alice Legh my doghto^{r} my chamlett kyrtill and my wolsted kyrtill my best typett my faldyng and my bok in the church Also I will that my best bonett and my ij gyrdilles be sold by my son Hugh to dispose for my solle Also I beqweth to Emme my doghto^{r} myñ other bonett and a parttlett Also I beqweth to Anne my doghto^{r} my flowre Also I beqweth to dame Cicilye my doughto^{r} my best bedis and a blak ribben Also I beqweth to Anne Legh my newe gowne Also I beqweth to M^{g}gery my doghto^{r} my violett gowne Also I beqweth to Elizabeth my doghto^{r} my pullion of wolsted my purse and my white bonett

[1] Margaret Starkey, according to Dr. Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 104, died before her husband; but from this will it appears that she survived him, though but for a short time. Of her numerous daughters, Elizabeth married Thomas Brooke of Leighton Esq., and Alice was the wife of Robert Legh of High Legh Esq.

Also I beqweth to M^{r}grett my doghto^{r} my p..... of cloth of gold Also I beqweth to Ellyn my doghto^{r} a ꝑtlett of velvett gar ..... Also I beqweth to my son Hugh a towell of diapur Also I beqweth to Ja[mes] my son xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I beqweth to y^{e} ꝑdon of Boston iiij^{s} Also I beqweth to my cosyn Ellyno^{r} Sporstaw a lynyñ rayll and a bend of tawney sarsenett Also I beqweth to Anne Walker my blake kyrtill Also I beqweth to Isabell Smyth my tawney gowne Also I beqweth to Anne Sclaver myn old kyrtill And if ther be any goodes unbeqwethed o^{r} yis my said bequest I will that my said son Hugh Starky have yem to dispose for y^{e} helth of my so.... And I ordeyn and make my sole executo^{r} my said son Hugh Starky to se that yis my ꝑsent testament and last will well and truly to be fullfilled and executed thes beyng wittnes Robert Legh Jamys Starky John Le... Henry Yong and others.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BOETHE.[1]

Non ꝑbatū quia executo^{r} renūciarūt.

IN the name off God Amen The ffyrst day of June in the ye^{r} of o^{r} Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth and xxvj: I John Bothe of Barton opon Irwell in the co^{n}ntye of Lanc^{r} esquer holle of mynd remēbrance and body make my testament and last wyll conc^{r}nyng my moveable goodis in maner and fforme folo^{r}yng ffyrst I

[1] John Booth was the son, by Ellen, daughter of Sir Nicholas Byron of Clayton, of Sir John Booth of Barton, who was killed at the battle of Flodden. He married first Cicely, daughter of Sir John Warren, by whom he had one daughter, Alice; and secondly Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey, by whom he left John Booth his heir, and Dorothy, afterwards wife of James Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. In his pedigree of this family, Baines states that the testator married Anne, daughter of Richard Ashton of Middleton. She was married at Middleton November 22, 1547, to John Booth his grandson.

beqweth my saule to Almyghte God my Redemer to o^{r} lady Saynt Marye and to all the holly company of heyven and my body to be buried in the parrisshe church off Eccles within Saint Kateryn chapell ther Also I bequeth ffor my mortuarye my best qwyk beast accordyng to the cowstome of holy church Also I bequeth to the edificac̃on and makyng up of the said church v^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I will that there shalbe an honest preist and discrete founde to say masse and other divyne service and pray for my saule att Eccles by the space of vij ȝers next after my decesse And the said preist to have yerely ffor his stipēd iiij^{li} and the sam iiij^{li} to be taken of my moveable goods and cattells and as he͂after ys specified Also I will that Dorothe my wyff shall have all such takks leysses and gr̃nts as I now have by the gr̃nt of the abbott of Qhalley and all advantage and pfetts comyng or groyng of the same toward the fyndyng of the said prest and of his stipend And that the same Dorothe shall have all my right therin duryng all her liff and be my asseigne therof duryng her said liffe. Also I will that the said Dorothe shall have the ward and mariage of all my doghtrs or eny other that shall happen to be my heyer and the custodye off theym and the profetts of all such man̄s lanndis ten̄ts rents rev̄sions and hereditaments duryng their nonage what so ev̄ the be which to them or eny of them shalbe belongyng or appteynyng aft̄ my decesse by the law or right off enheritance if they be proved to enherite eny of my said man̄s lannds ten̄ts rev̄sions or hereditaments and if it be proved that by the law they can not enherite my said man̄s mea̅s: lannds and ten̄ts I will that they shall have such lannds and ten̄ts as herebesids ben geven to feoffes to theyre use to and for their mariage money as by a feoffament therof made and a will therupon declared more playnly doth appere Also I will that immediatly aft̄ my decesse my executors shall content and pay w^{t} my moveable goods all my detts which I shalbe indetted at the tyme of my decesse Also I make and orden to be my executors of this my p̄sent testament my welbeloved wyf

Dorothe and also my cosyns Ric̄ Assheton and Thurstan Tyldisley esquiers and S^r^ James Bruch clerk vicar of Bethom And I bequeth to ev̄y of my said executors for ther busynes herin to be taken xx^s^ and the residue of all my goods and catellis aft̄ my funerall expensis hade and made and aft̄ my legacies pformed I geve and bequeth to my said wyff Dorothe that she shall dispose the same for the helth of my sawle In wittnes wherof I the said John Bothe to this my p̄sent testament and last will have setto my seall Wreten the day and yere above said These beyng of record Maist̄ WHm Radcliff son and heyre apparent of S^r^ Alex̄ Radcliff knyght Thm̄s Massye and Thm̄s Valentyn gentilmen Sir Thom̄s Bowker S^r^ Thurstan Cocker p̄sts with others.[1]

THE WILL OF DR. THOMAS SPARKE.

Probat̄ ibm viij die Octobris [1527].

IN Dei noīe Amen xxx^o^ die mensis Augusti Anno Dñi mill̄imo cccccm^o^ vicesimo septimo I Thomas Sparke Doct̄ off Canon [law] hoall off mynde and seeke in bodye do make my will and testamentt in man̄ and [form] folowyng In primis I giff and beqweth my soule to Almyghty God and to his blessed mother o^r^ lady Saint Marie and all the celestiall company of heyven and my bodye to be bured w^t^in the white freris of Chest̄ in thaī chansell affore the revesture durr by my cosyn Roger Smyth and thei to have for my laystall xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Itm my mortuarye to the p̄son off Sainct Peters aft̄ the forme use and custom of the law Itm I will that ev̄y preest that comyth to my dirige and masse to pray for my sawle have iiij^d^ and the poī people to have bredd Also I will that the lights of wax that shalbe at my ffunerall be made as myn executors and overseer shall thynke moost

[1] The inventory is dated January 1526 [1526–7.]

accordyng w^{t} owte greate pompe or pryed Itm I beqweth to maister officiall my ryng w^{t} the saffur my hatt and my rydyng hodd Itm I beqweth to Agnes Cradokke and hyr howseband vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm to hyr son Justinean xx^{li} to make hym a stokke w^{t} and the forsaid Justinean be bownd prentise at sm̃ occupacõn for the tyme and space of x yer̃ Also I will that his maist^{r} puttyng in suertise to myn executors and assignes have and occupie the forsaid xx^{li} withowt any increasse payng to the forsaid Justinean or any other bott onely to pay and deliv^{r} the forsaid xx^{li} to the forsaid Justinean when his prẽtiship of x yere is comyn upp exspired and past and if it so fortune that the forsaid Justinean dye and departe within the yeris off his prentship or sone aft^{r} or he occupye the forsaid xx^{li} for hym selfe that then the forsaid xx^{li} be delyvered to myn executors and for fawte and lake of them to Edmũde Democke drap and my cosyn Wiłłm Flecher baker wich I orden and make myn assignes and thei to disspose it for my soule Itm I beqweth to my servand Williã Hamant vj angeletts of gold my chamlet jacket my chamlet dowblet and a payre of blacke howse Itm to my servand Ales Hawarden xx^{s} Itm to hir iij susters to ichon off them vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to my cosyn Elsabeth Smyth doght^{r} unto yonge Thm̃s ij angeletts off gold on to hir weddyng and the other to hir ꝑpur use Itm to Jane Smyth wyff to my cosyn yong Thomas Smyth my bowndon facer and my gilde spone Itm to S^{r} Henr̃ Bullyng my sateyn typpett furred with blake coney on of my best cappis a payer of blacke howse unpoynted a fustion petecote furred with catts Itm to S^{r} Williã Granger my seconde sarsnet typpett a blacke cappe and a payre of blacke howse Itm to my bedewomã xxij^{s} vj^{d} Itm to the ꝑson of Sanct Michaells my garnech sarsnet typett Itm to Elyn Flecher that dwellith w^{t} my cosyn yong Thomas Smyth vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to the iij orders off freris x^{s} that is to ev^{ry} howse iij^{s} iiij^{d} to the repac̃on of there howses Itm to Ales Smyth doght^{r} to my cosyn yonge Thomas Smyth vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to litill Jane Golbron vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to lityll Robt Smyth son

unto Peris Smyth vj^{s} viij^{d} Item I will my signet be solde and disposed upon Frodsam brygge Item I will the maisters of Boston have vj^{s} viij^{d} for that I am behynde with them for my lett^{r} and then all the rest off the forsaid vj^{s} viij^{d} be to the repacon of o^{r} ladys chapell of Bestō [*sic*] Item I will that all my goodis moveable and unmoveable unbequest be solde and that money and all other money that is laft ov my funerall be att the disposicon of myn executors to wage a prest y^{t} is sadde virtuose and gud of levyng and off goud name and fame to pray for my soule my faders mother and such as shalbe named and all cristyn soules and the said prest to syng masse w^{t}in the white frers att the hyght alter and he to have my missall to say masse upon as long as he doith syng for me and then the forsaid boke to remayne to the place Item I will that where ther be any fowle wayes nyght the citie whēr y^{t} both man and best standith in jopardy and pell of peshyng in comyg to the marketh for the comyn welthe y^{t} then I will such be holpon with pte of the forsaid money y^{t} is lafte as myn executors shall thynke best Also I do orden and make myn executors Raffe Rogson Hugh Aldersey and S^{r} Henry Bullyng pest I will that Raff Rogson have my velvet dowlet for his labur and Hugh Aldersey my scarlet jacket gardett w^{t} velvet for his labur Also I make my cosyn Thomas Smyth the elder myn ovseer of this my testamēt and he to have my holpe of gold to see my will fulfilled Geven the day and yere above rehersed.

THE WILL OF RICHARD STARKEY OF STRETTON ESQUIRE.[1]

Probat in ec: coll. Sči Jo. Cestr xvo die Januarii [1527–8].

IN the name off God Amen the xxixth day off May the yer off or Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth xxvjth and the yere off the reign off Kyng Henry the viijth the xviijth I Richard Starky off Stretton in the countie off Chester squire off the dioc off Lichefeld and Coventre beyng off hole mynde and memory thanked be Almyghty God and syke in my body ordeyn and make my testament and last will in man and forme as hereaft ensueth ffurst I bequeth my sowle to Almyghty God my Maker and Redem to the blessed virgyn and modr or lady Saynt Mary and to the gloryous corte off heyvyn my body to be buryed in the channcell off the pisshe church of Budworth wher my grnnte fadr and my ffadr be buryed Itm I bequeth my best beyst to be my mortuarye Itm I bequeth towards the makyng off the roode seler at Budworth vjs viijd Itm to the yle off the said church vjs viijd Itm I bequeth to bye leyde wt ffor the said yle vjs viijd Itm I will that myn executors shall ordeyn and make xiijth taps or surges off wax to bren upon the herse ov my body duryng the tyme off the ffuneralls Also I will that myn executors shall ordeyn and make viij torches to bren abowte myn herse duryng the dyrge and ffunalls and aft the said funeralls doon I bequeth iiij of the said torches to the pisshe church off Budworth and the other iiij to the chapell of Stretton And I will that the vicare of the said church of Budworth be agreyed wt for thay Also I will that viij pore men that shall berre the said torches have evy oon off theym a

[1] Richard Starkey was the son of Geoffrey Starkey of the Lower Hall in Stretton, by Joan, eldest daughter and coheir of Roger Derbie of Chester, and married a daughter of Byrom of Byrom in the county of Lancaster.

white gowne and iiij^{d} in money for thaiꝛ labour Also I will that thesse men heraf^{t} named be the said viij men yff they be then on lyve orrells to take other in the styde of theym that be deyd by the discressõn off myn executoꝛ that ys to say John Howpe John Aspynshagh Hugh Caldewall Rauff Hall Rich Morres Roger Myllyngton Geffrey Millyngton off Nether Whitley and Randyll Starky Also I bequeth towards the maynteynyng of devyne service off the chapell or orrotorye of Saynt Savyo^{r} off Stretton a chalice gylt w^{t} these words graven in the upper ꝑte of the said chalice on the owte syde Ex dono Riĉi Starky Iĩm to the use off the said chapell a boke of the liff of Saynt Thomas of Cant^{t}bury Iĩm I gyff to the use of the said chapell a syl^{v} pece pcell gylt they to ꝑy for my sowle my ffader sowle my broꝺ Thomas Byrom sowle and all christen sowles Also I gyff and bequeth towards the repaĉõns and makyn of a newe steple att the said chapell of Stretton xl^{s} and towards a gretter bell to ryng in it other xl^{s} And wheꝛ by my dede I have enfeoffed Laurence Starky and other in ꝯten messes landes and teñts w^{t} in the counties of Ches^{t} and Lanchas^{t} for the pformance of my last will as in the sam dede it may appere moꝛ at large it ys the last will of me the said Richard Starky the elder nev^{v} by me to be channged that my said feoffes shall contynue and be feoffies off the ꝑmysses to the onely use of me for ꝯme of my liff and af^{t} my deceasse I will that my said feoffyes of the issues and pfetts of my said lands soo put in feoffament shall delyver unto myn executors as it shall yerely come and growe of the same lands the some of twenty pownds the which executors I will that they w^{t} the advise of the supvisor of this my testamẽt and last will immedyatly af^{t} my deceasse shall fynd an able ꝑst of good conv^{s}acõn to syng for my sowle my wyffs sawles my breder sowles and all cristen sowles in the chapell of Stretton by the space of fyve yeres yf he may be suffered to syng at the said chapell orrells at the pisshe church of Budworth durynge the said ffyve yers gyffyng to the said ꝑst ffor his stypend or waiges ev^{v}y yere iiij^{li} and wheꝛ my said

feoffes at my request and desire have by their wrtyng indented gyffen and grannted unto my sonnes Richard and Peyrs for ℔me of their lyffs ℄ten lands and teñts to the yerely value off iiij^{li} or thereabowts of my said lands soo put in feoffament as by the said deds indented it may appeř moř at large it ys also my will that if the said Richard Starky or Perys or auther of theym be stopped hyndreth or lett to receyve the issues and pfetts off the said lands soo gyffen to theym by my sone Thomas or by any other pson or psons that then my said feoffies shall make a suř and sufficient gr̃nnt of annuities or annuall rents owt of my said lands and teñts soo put in feoffament to the clere yerely value of iiij^{li} o℣ all charges and repr̃ses that is to say to my son Richard for ℔me of his lif xl^{s} and to my son Pyers for ℔me of his lif xl^{s} w^{t} clauses of distresse to be conteyned in the seid gr̃nnts nownepayment at deyes and ℔mes usuell Also I will that my son Thomas have all heyr lomes that of right af℣ the custome and usage of the shyre of Ches℣ belongeth to hym to have Also I gyff and bequeth to my cosyn Jane Sonky e℣y yere duryng the space of iij yeres next af℣ my deceasse yf she be then on lyf xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Iẽm I giff to Issabell Starky towards her maryage orrells towards her fyndyng yf she be ordered and gydet by my son Thomas and my cousyn Ric^{d} Merbury iiij^{li} Iẽm to my god childer Richard Pyckeryng and Richard Hatton either of theym viij^{d} Iẽm to George Newton xij^{d} Iẽm I gyf and bequeth to thuse and repac̃ons off the chapell and steple of Streton viij^{li} The residue of all my goods and catells not bequethed o℣ and byside my detts paid my funall doon and my legacyes pformed I gyf to my sonnes Sir Henry Sir Symon Geffrey Richard and Pyers whom I orden make and constitute to be myn executor^{s} of this my testamẽt and last will trustyng in theym that they shall see it truly pformed executed and doon w^{t} the advise and councell of my broder Pyers Starky whome I also orden assigne and tenderly desire to be supvisor of my said will Also I will and charge all my seid sonnes and childer that yf any contra℣sie or dowte fortune

to be amonges theym for any article or clause contened in this my last will that they shalbe theryn ordreth and advised by my seid broder and the seid dowte to be expowndet and int̄ptated by my seid broder upon payne of hym that refuseth to lose my blessyng These beyng witnesse Richard Merbury gentilman Sir Pyers Lacheford Sir Rogur Potte p̄sts Issabell Starky and other.

TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII DUTTON DE DUTTON ARMIGERI.[1]

Probat̄ in ecclia coll̄ Sc̄t Johis Ces̄ xx die Januarii [1527–8].

TO all men to whom thys present wrytyng indented and last will off̄ me Laurence Dutton of Dutton in the countie off̄ Ches̄ esquyer shall come here or see I the said Laurence send gretinge in o^r Lord God everlastynge and knowe ye me the said Laurence beying in good and perfyte remembrannce intendyng at the tyme of my dethe when it shall please owr Lord God that I shall dye and depart out off̄ this myserable and transytory world to channge my lyff̄ lyke as a true christen man ought to do Wherfore I the said Laurence the iiij^th day off̄ October the ye͞r off̄ our Lord God mdxxvij and in the yere off̄ the reigne of our sou͞vain lord Kyng Henry the viij^th the xix do make and declare my last will and testement as well co͞cynge all my goods catells and fermes as all my manc̄res lands te͞nts and heredytaments w^t other my possessones in forme followinge ffyrst I bequethe my soule to Almyghty God

[1] The testator was son and heir of Roger Dutton of Dutton Esq., and married Joan, daughter of Robert Duckenfield of Duckenfield Esq. This ancient family continued here in the male line from the time of the Conquest until the death of Thomas Dutton in 1614, whose only daughter Elleanor married Gilbert Lord Gerard of Gerard's Bromley in Staffordshire.

besecheinge humbly our blessed lady and all the holy compeny of hevyn to be mediators for me to the holy trenyte to accepte the same to the eternall blysse of hevyn And I will that my body shalbe buryed and enterred amongs other my anncestoures in the chapell of our blessed lady w^th^in the monastery of Norton Also I will that ev̄y preist that shalbe at my buryeng to praye for my soul have xij^d^ ev̄y clerke iiij^d^ and ev̄y pore man and woman j^d^ and all other thyngs necessary and cōvenyent for the same I put to the ordryng will and discrec̄on of suche person or psones as I shall name to be myn executor or executors and put in trust at the tyme of my dethe or seche other persone as shalbe present and ordur for me att my departur Also I bequethe to maister vicare off Budworth my curate my best beast for my mortuary and xx^s^ in money over his other duties to pray for my soule beseching hym of forgevynes for suche thyngs as I have not done my dutie to God holy churche and hym Also I bequethe toward the reparac̄on of the perishe churche of Budworth and toward the beyng of ornaments therunto fyve marks And to the mother church off Coventrye and Lychefeld xx^s^ Also I bequethe to my doughtr Isabell towards hyr mariage v hundreth marks if she be not maryed in my lyff and the same to be levyed and perceyved as heraftre shall appere And if she be maryed and part of the money not payd the rest beinge then due to be payd of the profetts of my lands in forme as hereaft̄ shall appere in my said will And in like man̄ I bequethe to my doughter Dowce v hundreth marks towards her mariage if she be not maried in my lyff to be levyed and perceyved as heraft̄ shall appere And if she be maried and part of the said fyve hundreth marks unpayed that the rest and residue shalbe payd in forme as is above exp̄ssed for my doughter Issabell And my will is that if my said doughteres or on of theym be not maryed in my lif that they or she that is unmaried after my decesse shalbe ordred in their or hir mariage by the advyse of my said executour or executoures and feffes or the more part of theym Also I will that all my

detts w^t^out delay be fully contented and payd and if I have offended or wronged any person or persones that they shalbe fully recompensed and agreed by myn executour or executours Also I bequeth to Sir Edmond Asheton preist to sing for my soule and my wyffe soules and our anncestoures soules and especiall the soules for whom I am most bounden to praye e᷑y yere by the space of xx^ty^ yeres the some of sevyn marks And if the said Edmond dye duryng the said xx^ti^ yeres that then a nother honest p᷑st be provyded by myn executour or executours to syng and pray for my soule and the soules aboverehersed the residue of the said xx^ti^ yeres having yerely the said seven marks for his selary and the same to be taken of the rents issues and pfetts of my lands and tenemc̄ts in Moldesworth Also I will that all my howsold serv^a^nts as well men as women be fully contentyd and satisfied of there wages and e᷑y of theym after my decesse to have a quarter wages above theire dutie to pray for my soule Also I bequethe to e᷑y on of my bastard chyldern as well sones as doughtours iiij kye or iiij heffers Also I bequethe unto the reperac̄on of Acton brydge and high way th᷑unto adjoyn̄g twynty pounds if I repeř it not myself in my lyff Also I bequethe unto Mergaret Bothe fourty pounde in money of my goods to be delyvered unto hur immediatly after my decesse toward the fynding of hir and hir children and to pray for my soule and all christen soules And for the orderyng and disposic̄on of all my landis and heredytaments I the said Laurence declař my will in man̄ and forme as folowith ffurst I will John Dutton my bastard sone shall have to hym his heyers and assignes all and e᷑y such lands and tenements w^t^ their app᷑tennts that hath ben purchased by me the seid Laurence or by eny other to my use w^t^in the countie of Ches᷑ or ells where and that my feoffes theroff shall stand and be seised after my decesse to the use of the said John and to his heyers or to his assignes Also I will that the seid John have for the terme of his liff all my lands in Annston which be of the yerely value of fyve pounde above charges

and the mosse fylds nowe being in the sev̄all holldings of the seid John Dutton Hugh Jannȳn John Jannȳn Agnes the wyff of Raynald Taylior payng yerely for the said mossefilds for all suts and servyces vj^{s} viij^{d} to me the seid Laurence and to the heres males of my bodie lawfully be geton and for fault of such issue payng yerely duryng the seid t̄me to Sir Perys Dutton knyght and to the heyers males of his bodye lawfull begoton vj^{s} viij^{d} And I will that my feoffes therof shall stand seased after my dethe to the use of the said John during his liff and in likewise I will that my feoffes of all my landis in Northwiche which be of the yere [*sic*] value of xij^{li} shall stand seased of percell therof of the yerly value of viij^{li} to the use of Thomas Dutton and Robert Dutton my bastard sonnes for terme of their severall lyves and shall suffre theym equally to receyve and take the profetts therof aftre the dethe of me the said Laurence duryng their said lyves that is to wit either of theym iiij^{li} and of landis of the yerely value off iiij^{li} residue of the said sume of xij^{li} I will that my said feoffes shall stand seased to the use of the said John Dutton Thomas Dutton and Robert Dutton ffor terme of their sev̄all lyves that is to wete ev̄y of theym severally xxvj^{s} viij^{d} And I will that the said John shall have the noïac̄on and makyng of ten$^{\text{c}}$nts of the saidis landis of the yerely value of iiij^{li} duryng his lif payng yerely for the same to the seid Thm$^{\text{c}}$s and Robert liij^{s} iiij^{d} at the termes usuell by evyn porc̄ons duryng their saide lyves And where I have bequethed to eyther of my said doughtors Isabell and Dowce fyve hundreth m$^{\text{c}}$rks towards their mariages I will and it is my full mynd that my saide feoffes shall suffre the said Sir Peris Dutton who for default off issue male of my body lawfully begoten is my next ryght heyer male as appereth by my old evydences yerely to content and paye after my decesse unto the said Issabell and Dowce at the festes off the Nativitie of Saynt John Baptist and Saynt Martyn in wynt̄ or within xl dayes aft̄ either of the said feists next ensuyng on hundreth marke of lawfull money unto such tyme as either of the saidis Isabell and Dowce

or their assignes be fully content and payd v hundreth marks towards their mariage if they so longe doe lif Also I will that my seids feoffes shall suffre the same Sir Perys aft̄ my decesse to content and paye unto Katerine[1] and Anne my bastard doughters lxxx^{li} off lawfull money that ys to wit either of them xl pounde to their mariage to be payed as folowith that is to wit yerely unto the said Kat̄yn iiij^{li} at the said feists or w^{t}in xl dayes then next folowyng and to the said Anne iiij^{li} unto suche tyme either of theym have receyved by the hands of the said Sir Perys his heyers or assignes xl pounde ffor their mariage if they so longe doe lif Provyded that my said basterd doughtours and either of theym shalbe ordred by my executo^{r} or executours and feoffes or by the more parte off theym And if the said Sir Perys Dutton his heyers or assignes do not yerely well and truly content and paye as well unto Isabell and Dowce my mulier doughtours the said said [*sic*] some of on hundreth marks as to the seid Kateryn and Anne my bastard doughtours suche sumes of money as before I willyd to thaym ffor their mariage then I will that as well the said Sir Perys Dutton as all other my feoffes shall permyt and suffre the seids Isabell and Dowce and their assignes yerely to perceyve and take on hundreth marks sterlyng of all and ev̄y the issues rents p̄fetts and advanntages of all my lands and tenem̄ts in Wyston Nesse Stone Downam Happesford Stawke Pycton Arrowe and Legh in the countie of Chester yerely unto such tyme as either of theym or their assignes have receyved fyve hundreth marks toward their mariage as ys above said And shall also suffre and permyt the seid Kateryn and hir assignes yerely to receyve and take all the issues rents and profetts aft̄ my decesse off all my landes in Acton in the said countie of Chester except my purchased lands which I have gyffen to my said son John unto such tyme as the said Kateryn or hir assigenes have receyved the said some of xl pounde And inlikwyse the said Anne

[1] Katherine married John, a younger son of Ralph Done of Flaxyards in the county of Chester Esq., and had issue Ralph, ob. s.p., and Richard Done of Chester.

my bastarde doughtor or hir assignes to receyve all the issues rents and profetts of all my landys in Berterton aft̄ my decesse except my said purchaste lands which I have gevyn unto my said sonne John unto such tyme the said Anne or hir assigne have receyvt xl poundes ffor their mariage upon such condissõn as is above rehersed Also I will that my feoffes off tow tenementis with their appurten̄nce in Dutton which be of the yerely value of xlix^{s} viij^{d} and now in the holdyng of the forsaid Margett Boith immediatly aft̄ my decesse shall stand and be seased therof to the use of the said Margett for terme of hir lif And I will that the said Thomas Dutton my bastard sonne shall have for terme of his lif a mease and landis called the m̄che which late was in the holdyng of Laurence Dutton paying therfore yerly to me the said Laurence and to the heires males of my body lawfully begoten and for default off such issue to the said Sir Peris Dutton and the heyers males of his body lawfully begoten the rents therof due and accustomed And further I will that all my feoffes and their heyers aftur my decesse shall stand and be seased off my maner off Dutton with the appurten̄nces to the use of me and off my heyers males of my body lawfully begoten and for default of such issue to the use of the said Sir Perys Dutton and the heyers males of his body lawfully begoten And off all the residue of my said maners lands and tenementis except my purchaste lands aft̄ this my p̄sent will pformed to the use of the heyers males of my body begoten and for default of such issue to the use of the said Sir Perys and off his heyers males of his body lawfully begoten Also I will that all such lands and tenements as myn uncle Arnalde Dutton purchaste of on Mosse in Bedfordchyr which lands and tenements be of the yerely value of x^{s} remayne and come immediatly aftur my decesse to the said Mosse and his heyers and that he shall have delyv̄t unto hȳ all evydences and wrytyngs onely concernyng the same Also I will that if Sir Peris Dutton his heyers or eny other that shall fortune to be myn heyers male do distowurbe and lett my seid

doughtours feoffes or executor or executours or eny of theym or eny other pson or psons befor named to receyve and take the revenuez issues and profetts of the forsaid maners lands and tenements or off eny pte of theym accordyng to this my psent last will or vex inquiet or trowble theym or eny of theym by sute or other wyse for the same that then I will that my said feoffes and myn executour or executours shall alyene and sell my man of Nesse all my meses lands and tenemēts in Nesse and Stawke afor said to whom they shall thynke moost convenyent to have to hym or theym and their heyers in fegh and wt the money therof receyved and taken by my said executour or executours they shall defende the said Sir Perys Dutton or eny other person or psons that soo shall lett distourbe vex inquiet or trowble the pformanñce of my said will And also see my will fully performed and the surplushach of the said money to dispose for my soule and the soules of myn anncestres and all christen soules Also I orden and make the said John Dutton my bastard sonne my true and faithfull executour moost hertly prayng and beseecheyng hym and also all my feoffes and frendes and evy of thaym to helpe and putto their good myndes to execute pforme and fulfyll this my psent will and testament chaurgeynge my said executour soo to do as he will answare before Almyghty God at the ferefull day of jugement Also I ordeyn and make Sir John Port knyght on of the Justices of the Kyngs Benche overseer of this my present will humbly beseching hym for the grete love he haith born unto me in my liff that it will pleas hym to see this my present will in all thyngs performed and to help my said executour ffor the accomplishement of the same And I will that the said Maister Port shalbe rewarded and recompensed for his payn which he shall take in the same by my said executour accordyngly In witness wherof I the said Laurence to this my present will indented have putto my seale these beyng witnesses Sir Willm Hardwar vicar of Budworth Perys Wynyngton Richard Leftwich John Wynyngton of the Harmytage the yonger John Dutton off

Hellysby John Grymyscyche Laurence Hatton Sir Willm Browne ꝑist and others Yeven the day and yeꝛ above said.

Concordat cū ꝑbato
R. Wydhope.

TESTAMENTUM HAMNETTI HARINGTON DEFUNCTI.[1]

Probaꝯ penultīo die Januarii [1527–8].

IN Dei noñ Amen Primo die May anno Dñi mccccxxvij I Hamnet Haryngton esquier holl of mynd and of gud memorie although deseased in my body make my last will and testmēt in this mañ ffyrst I be qwheathe my sall to Almyghty God and our blessed lady and to all his saints and my body to be buried in the ꝑoch church of Saynct Myghell of Huyton wᵗin the towmbe in my chapell and my best beast to the ꝑson of the said church in the name of my mortuaꝛ Also I will that wheaꝛ I have infefid Sir Richard Bold knyght John Eccleston esquier Thomas Penketh and Rauff Bury gentilmen in sertan lands called ꝑker's filds in Knowsley and also of the halfe of on mese and of all othʳ bigings wᵗ theaꝛ appʳtenās and the half of all lands and tenementis ꝑtinyng to the same late in the holdyng of Thñs Deane in Huyton wich I lately ꝑcheased of the said Thomas late of the aneritaunce of Esabell doughtour of John Staynall that they shall stand feoffes seased of the ꝑmisses to the use of me for ꝑme of my lif remeyñ oꝛ to Thomas Haryngton my son for ꝑme of his lif and if it fortune the said Thomas to decease afoꝛ

[1] Hamnet Harrington, descended from Nicholas Harrington (the first of Huyton Hey), a younger brother of Sir William Harrington of Hornby Castle Knt., married Margaret, daughter of Ralph Eccleston Esq.; marriage covenant dated 12th August 3 Henry VII. He was succeeded in the estate by Percival, son of his brother, Richard Harrington deceased.

Jamys Haryngton my cosyn and ꝟ"nt then I will that the said Jamys shal have all and senguler the ꝑmisses for ꝫme of his lif and afꝰ thair desease and the longꝭ lyꝟ of thaym all and eꝟy of the said meses landis tenements rents wᵗ thaꝝ appᵗtenās shall remeyn to Percyvall Haryngton my cosyn and heyr and to the heyers male of his body lawfully to be goten And for defawte of such issue the said feoffes to stand seased to the use of the right heyers of me the said Hamnet for eꝟ Also I will that xijᵈ of cheiff rent going owt of the tenamēt late in the holdyng of the forsaid Thomas Deane be to the use of the said Pcyvall and his heyers Also I will that my wif have hyr dower and feoffamēt made to hir of all my lands accordyng to the lawe Also I will that my cosyn Nicolas Tyldesley shall have to hym and his heyers for eꝟ all such lands and tenemēts which I lately ꝑcheased of the said Nic̄ in Huyton and Wolfall and also all those lands and tenements wᵗ fre rent of xiijᵈ by yere of the same wich lately weꝝ sold to Willm Harison by Richard Tyldesley father of the said Nic̄ whose state an right I have in the same so that the said Nic̄ do and cause to be done the feoffes of the said Nic̄ to seall by indenꝰ an annuall rent of xxˢ by yeꝝ going owte of the said lands and tenements of the foresaid Nicolas unto tyme the holl sᵘme of xvij marks xjˢ iiijᵈ be renc̄n up to Thomas Penketh or his assignes afꝰ the desease of me the said Hamnet to the use of Thomas Haryngton my sone be fully content and paid Provided alwayes that if it fortyn the said Thomas to decease afore the gods be renȳn up then I will that Jamys Haryngton shal have the residue of all such rents as shall fortyn to be behynd Also I will that my cosyn and heyꝝ Pcyvall Haryngton shall suffer all such purchasyd lands to stand and be accordyng to my will Also I will that Hamnet Stokley and his wyf shalhave such landis and tenements as I have set theym by indentuꝝ for terme of lif accordyng to the same Also I will that Robert Gernett wif shall have a tenemēt acordyng to such gifts as I have made hir during hir lif Also I will that iij kye being now in

myn awne handis be delyv̄ed to ou^{r} ladis stock of Huyton And also I will y^{t} myn executors do make a glasse wyndow in the northe syde of the church Also I wyll that xx^{te} marks be bestawed and dist^{r}bute at my buryall and also I will y^{t} xxx^{te} masses be songen and said for a trentall if there be p̄ists sufficient at my said buryall Also I will that the said Peyvall my cosyn and heyr have all my harnes y^{t} is [to] say jakks saletts and oth^{r} hernes belongȳg to the same and the half of my bowes and all sheff aroys the half of my m^{y}ke aroys the oth^{r} half I gyf to Jamys Haryngton and the gwyv̄ which my bowes and aroys byn in to stand and be an ayrlone And also I will that the said Percyvall shalhave the long bord in the perlur with trists and formes pteyn̄g to the same and also the grate bed in the plur a feth^{r} bede and a ma^{t}es and oth^{r} anowrnamēts w^{t} the cov̄yn̄g w^{t} the armys upon ptenyn̄g to the same bed and the cofur w^{t} the cleket lok in the chamb^{r} ov̄ the bot^{r}y Also I will y^{t} the said Peyvall have all my bed cases of tref̄ except ij for my wyf and hir maydins Also I will that he have ij cofurs in my closed wich myn evidens byn in and they to stand styll and the closet dur not to be opened till the said Peyvall come home Also I will that the greate formes the greate brendreth the great spytt a bull and a bore to be ayrelomes to the said Peyvall so that he do not stope ne lett this my will to be full filled And also I will y^{t} the said Thomas my son shall have the half of y^{e} tēment now in the holdyng of Hamnet Hey duryng the lif of Ric̄ Kell and also all such p̄me of yeris which I have of the demyes of Elisabeth Birbonis then being wedo and of Nic̄ Tildisley for landis in Huyton as apereth by indenturys made therof Also I will that the said Thomas my son shalhave x^{li} to be takyn of my gods and catallis yerely and pticulerly as he shall nede it towards his keping to the scoll yf he have fortyn of lif Also I will y^{t} the said Jamys Haryngton my s^{r}v^{a}nt shalhave all my o^{r}naments and cloase for my body except my blak gowne which I gif my wyf my chamlet gowne to my cosyn Peyvall my Kyndall jakkets to John Rot^{r}ford

Also I gif to the said Jamys the don geldyng which he is wont to ryde on Also I will y^t^ Elsabeth Haryngton shalhave a heffur in calf and ij bolokks of the best sort undrawen and the othur ij bolokks I gif to Jamys Haryngton and the bed that he lyis in Also I gif to Hamnet Stokley my godson my bett^r^ don fely Also I gif to Cicilie Toxstath on hefur styrke Also I gif to Sir Thomas Molinuex my ꝑst xx^s^ to say ij treutalls for me incōtinc̄t af^r^ my decease Also I will yat weaꝛ̄ my broth^r^ Ric̄ Haryngton clayme to have had sith the death of ou^r^ father Nic̄ Haryngton by yeꝛ̄ xl^s^ wherof the said Ric̄ hase bin̄ truly payd by yeꝛ̄ xxx^s^ and the residue we were agrett y^t^ as long as ou^r^ mothur in lawe Kat̄in Haryngton lyved to have no moꝛ̄ but the said xxx^s^ and at af^r^ hir decease then to have xl^s^ by yeꝛ̄ duryng my said brothur Ric̄ lif Also I will that Sir Henꝛ̄ Gorsuch shalhave xl^s^ for such ꝑves as he hase done and to pray for me if my goods will extend therto And also I will y^t^ if my goodes wyll extend to hit e^r^y on of my s^r^v^nts dwellyng w^t^ me the tyme of my death shalhave half a qwaꝛ̄ wayges forth^r^ then they have s^r^ved to pray for my saull Also I will y^t^ when all this my will is fully ꝑformed in e^r^y pownt and articull yat than the residue of my goods and cattalls to be dist^r^bute and bestawed for my saulhelth at the distc̄on of my executors And I orden and make myn executors John Eccleston esquier George Latl[i]^m^ and Rauff Burye gentylmen to orden and dispose for my saulhelth as thay shall answaꝛ̄ afore God And also I will that ic̄hon of theym shalhave x^s^ apese to be taken of my goods for theiꝛ̄ labur And all costs necessarie o^r^ and besids to be borne of my goods and cattalls Also I will y^t^ Laurens Crosse John Justice Robꝛ̄t Elle and Henry Ley and Jamys Halsall have ic̄hon a white gowne to beꝛ̄ ocheon a torche the day of my buryall The o^r^seer of this my last will and testmēt I make Sir Will^m^ Leyland knyght Sealed in the ꝑsens of Sir Henry Gorsuch ꝑst George Eccleston Jamys Haryngton Will^m^ Wodfall gentilmē Hamnet Stokley and oth^rs^ the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI WALTON.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen The vijth day of the moneth of Januarye the yere of our Lord a thousand v hundreth and xxvijth I Willm Walton p̃ste seke in body and hoole in mynde make my testament and last will in this man̄ folowynge ffyrst I bequethe my soule to Almyghte God our blessed lady his moder and to all sanctes and my body to be buryed in the churche off Croston und^{r} the rode celler afore the chauncell Also I bequethe my best beyste to the vicar of the said churche for my mortuarye and in the name of my princepall Also I gyve and bequethe to an able p̃ist xij marks to synge masse and to pray for my soule and the soules of all myn anncestours and for all chrystyn soules in the said church by the space of ij yeres next after my decesse Also I gyve and bequethe to the chapell of Longeton a masse boke a chalyce and all other ornaments belongyng and ptenyn̄g to the celebrõn of masse Also I geve in my life and bequethe in this my last will to Robert ffaryngton sone of Ric̃ ffarington y^{e} channtre which I of late have purchased founded and putt in feoffamẽt to certen feoffes as doith appere w^{t} a declaracõn of my will mynde and testamẽt quadripertite therunto annexed for the contynuance p̃servacõn and fulfillynge of the same which feoffament and declaracõn of my said will and testamẽt is dated the xxth day of May the ixth yere of the regne off Kyng Henre the viijth and also sealed w^{t} my seale and the ordynaryes seale the xxvijth day of the moneth of May in the yere of our Lord God a thowsand v hundreth and xvijth and the ixth yere of the regne of Kyng Henre the viijth the which channtrie is founded for the chapelle of Longeton w^{t} all mes̃ tenements burgages landis and other thapp^{r}ten̈nce y^{r}unto belongyng in fulfillyng and pformnyng my will under such condicõns covenannts

[1] No date of probate.

and articles named specified and declared in my said feoffament and in my will and testament quadriptite yᵉ opon declared dated as aforesaid ꝑvided alwayes that whyles the said Roꝭt doith want lafull age to be ꝑst (that is to wete vj yeres) then I will yᵗ Sir John Walton occupye and solempne dyvine sʳvice at the forsaid chapell of Longeton Butt I will that he receyve his wages yerely duryng the said vj yeres of and by the hands off Riĉ Faryngton aforesaid And forther I will yᵗ John Walton ꝑst in his tyme and also Roꝭt Faryngton in his tyme and all other preests in theyr̃ tyme successively for evᵉ shal dispose ordur and use theymself accordynge to my said will mynd and testament made and declared opon the sayd feoffamc̄t afor̃ dated Also I will geve and bequeth that aftʳ the tyme of Sir John Walton and also aftʳ the tyme of the said Robert Faryngton the said channtre wᵗ all and singler thappʳtenn̄nce yᵉ to belongynge shall remayne holle for evᵉmor̃ deputed ordyned assigned geven and ꝑsentyd by the patrons and donatorns in theyr turnes accordynge to the declaraĉon off my feoffament and will to one of my blode and kynne and of my name (if ther be any) evᵉ so descendyng lynally fro tyme to tyme from us provided alwayes that nother my said feoffament and will theropon made and declared dated aforesaid nor also the ꝑste so ꝑsented for the tyme beyng shall in any tyme thereaftʳ be ꝑiudiciall hurtfull or nyous to the church of Penworthm̄ as in mynissheyng delayng or wᵗdrawyng or defraudyng any rightes customes or uses here tofore accustomed and used to the said church And forther I will that iiij scedules be made quadriptite indented and sealed wᵗ my seale and unto the oyᵉ my feoffament and will annexed according to the true purport and meanīge of this my ꝑsent last will and in full accomplisshement of the same. Also I will yᵗ evᵉy ꝑst for the tyme being for evᵉmore shall make sufficiant reparaĉons and bydgynges of howses mess: burgages tenementes wᵗ other thappurtenn̄nce of his tenandes (as ofte as shalbe necessary and nedefull) opon his owen ꝑpur costs and charges Also I bequeth to Agnes

Walton the doughᵗ of Emote Hobson vj markes or the value of vj markes Also I bequeth to Elene Hunᵗ xlˢ of money or the value yᵉof Also I geve and bequeth to Henry ffarington squier xlˢ Also I bequeth iiij syses of ots and xxᵗⁱ mettes of barlye to be dealed and dyvided amonge pore folkes for my soule helthe and mȳn anncetours fforther moꝛ I orden and make Thomas Walton the sone of Katyn Mylñ my true onely lawfull and last executor to deale and dispose for me and in my name all the foresaid gyftes and bequedes as he will answaꝛ me afore the hegh judge at the dredefull day of dome Also I bequeth to the forsaid Thomas all my goodes moveable and unmoveable the which I have wᵗin the counᵗ of Lanc̃ to divide mynisᵗ deale and dispose amonge his chyldren and for my soule helth And Henre ffarington and John Botler squyers to be supervisors and ovseers of this my ꝑsent testamēt and last will In witnes wherof to this my ꝑsent testamēt and last will I have putto my seall These beinge witnes Richard ffarington Henre Sherdeley Edward Wildynge George Robȳson Ric̃ Tarleton and others Geven the day and yeꝛ afoꝛ said.

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THE WILL OF ELIZABETH HURLESTON OF CHESTER WIDOW.

Probatū fuit in eccl̃ia coll̃ Sc̃ti Joh̃is Cesᵗ secundo die Aprilis anno Dñi m cccc xx viijº

IN the name off God Amen In the yeꝛ off oᵘ Lord God a thowsand v hundreth and xxvijᵗʰ and the xxiijᵗʰ day off March I Elizabeth Hurleston of Chesᵗ wydow syke in body and holle off mynd make my last wyll and testament in mañ and forme folowyng ffyrst I beqweth my saule to Allmyghty God and to oᵘ lady Sent Mary and to all the holle company off heyvyn and my body to be buryed in the poch

church off Sayntt Brygitts in the chappell of o^{r} lady by my husbond Ităm I will therbe in bredde ale wyne and other necessaryeys to be spend at my buryall att the dyscrecion off my exequutors Ităm I beqweth to the said parish church off Seynt Brigitts on chales off sylv̄ w^{t} on vestmc̄t and all thyngs therto belongyng for a p̄st to syng masse w^{t} now beyng in the same church and chapell And also I beqweth to the same church on covyng off v̄enrrs for a bedd that my husbonds soule and myne maybe p̄yd fore Ităm I beqwheth to the graye frers and to the blakke ffrers yche of theyme vj^{s} viij^{d} and also to the whyte ffrers x^{s} Ităm I will therbe v p^{r}ncipall lyghtis abowte my beryall and xij whyte gownes and viij torches Ităm I beqwheth to my sonne Nicolas my gylt cupp w^{t} the cov̄ Ităm I beqwheth to my doght^{r} Ellyn fflecher a broche of gold and my golde ringges Ităm ij pares of flaxen shetes Ităm a bassyn and on ewer off pewt^{r} two chandelers beyng in the buttre and on dyaper table cloth a fyne towell and on test^{r} for a bedd off grene bukeram Ităm I beqweth to my sonne S^{r} Rauff a fedd^{r} bedde and a bolst^{r} ij covletts two blankettes ij pair̄ of shetes and a test^{r} w^{t} a covynge beyng in the parler by the hall dow^{r} Ităm mo^{r} xx^{s} in money Ităm I beqweth to my sonne Ric̄ on feth^{r} bedde with on bolst^{r} ij covlettes and ij pa^{r} of shetes Ităm I will that he have his pleggę which be w^{t} me for the sum off xxxvij^{s} iiij^{d} Ităm I beqweth to my sonne Hugh my ij gobbelettes of silv̄ w^{t} the cov̄ Ităm ij pairs of shetes Ităm ij covlettes Ităm a grett pott off brasse and my corbes off leyde a gratt off hyron Ităm a broche off yron Ităm I beqweth to Jane fflecher a fed^{r} bedde w^{t} a bolst^{r} ij pylloys ij covlettes a lyttle grene covyng ij parrs of shetes ij table clothes owt off the colfre in the chambre Ităm iij^{l} vj^{s} viij^{d} in money to her marriage Ităm a brasse pott ij chandlers a vodyer iiij pewt^{r} chargerrs iiij dyshes and ij sawserrs Ităm to Elsabeth Davenport a fed^{r} bedde a bolst^{r} ij pyllowys of dawne ij blankettes ij covlettes Ităm a greett covyng that lyes on the presse ij payr^{s} off flaxen shetę ij payr^{s} off canves shetę iij table clothes and ij towelles lyeing in the chamb^{r} on

hyghe Itm more iijli vjs viijd in money towards hyr marryage It a brasse pott the greit pan a bassyn beyng in the buttre and iiij chargerrs iiij dyshes and iiij sawserres beyng off pewtr Itm to my sonne Hugh doghtr a fflokbedd ij covlettę Itm a payr off flaxen shetę and a payr off canves shetę a fflaxen table clothe a brasse pott ij chargerrs ij pewtr dyshes Itm in money to heyr marryage xls Itm I beqweth to Petr Hurleston a fedr bedde a bolstr ij covlettę ij payr off fflaxen shetę two pyllowys off downe Itm in money to kepe hym to the scole iijli vjs viijd Itm to Alice Cotgreyffe a fflokbedd ij covlettę a payr off fflaxen shetę ij chandlers Itm in money vjs viijd It a gratt off hyron Itm a browch off yron Itm I beqwheth to Ric fflecher in money vjs viijd Itm to Nicholas Loker in money vjs viijd Itm to my sonne in lawe Edward Davenport my syl salt wt the cov Itm vj spones off syl that were last bōght a dyap table clothe a pair off hollone sheytę and a fyne towell beyng in my coffer att my beddys fete Itm to Kateryn Ley toward hyr marryage vjs viijd Itm I beqweth to Margaret Tarleton ij chargerrs ij dyshes ij sawcers and on off my kercheffę Itm to Katyn Blanchart ij chargeres ij dyshes ij sawrces and on off my kercheffę Itm to Margett Korbyn ij dyshes and on off my kercheffę Itm to Alice Bradbury ij dyshes and on off my kercheffę Itm to Ellyn off the kytchyn ij pewtr dyshes and on off my kercheffę Also it is my will that Petr Hurleston sonne to my sonne Nicholas Hurleston aforsaid shall have all such landę as came by me and that my fefferrs recovers and attorney shall make and deliv to hym a sufficient and lawfull estate off the same for me off hys lyff the remayndr to my right heyers Also it is my wyll that my ffurnes my ij cesterns my ij leyds in the cowrte and my corbes wt all othr my goodę not be quethed shalbe solde by my executors and they money theroff made to go to the pformance off this my last will and that wiche shall remayn and come ov all chargę and byquestyes payd and allowed I wyll shall goe to the fyndynge off a prest to syng ffor my husbonds soule and myn in the chapell off or

lady w^{t} in the ꝑishe church off Saynt Brigitts afoꝛsaid beyng payd off my executors yerely ffor his wayges iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} so long as that money will serve and that my ꝑst Sir Thom^{a}s Bowker shall syng ffor us yff he be able And ffor the true ꝑformance off this my last will I do constitute and make my executors Edward Davenport my sonne in lawe and Hugh Hurleston my sonne theys beyng wytnes Sir Rob̄t Devyas hir goostly ffad^{r} and George Palm^{r} p^{r}or off the whyte ffrer^{e} and John Woodeley marchant off Chest^{r}.

TESTAMENTUM MATHEI BECKE.[1]

IN Dei noïe Amen The xxijth day off Novēber in the yeꝛ off ouꝛ Lord a m cccc and xx^{ti} I Mathew Beke wholle off mynd and syke in bodye felyng perells of dethe make my testement in this maṉ Inp^{r}mis I bequethe my sole to Almyghtie God and my bodye to be buried in the colledge church of Manchest^{r} And in the name off my mortuarie a horse I bequethe unto the roode seller off Manchest^{r} when yt shalbe ꝑcode [*sic*] xl^{s} Itm I bequethe to Wygan church xx^{s} Itm I bequethe unto litell Thom^{a}s Beke v^{li} Itm I bequethe unto Laurence Chetl^{a}m xx^{s} to pray ffor my sawle Itm I bequethe to the mendyng of the paymēt in Salford lane vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I bequethe unto the mendyng off Newton lawne vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I bequethe unto the mendyng off Dob lane vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm it ys my will that a welle disposed preist shal syng and pray ffor my sowle a yere Itm I bequethe to Marion George Brych wyff my wyff^{e} gyrdyll and both paiꝛ of bedes Itm I wille that the same Marion have my wyves

[1] No date of probate. George Birch of Birch Gent. married, 12th April 10 Henry VIII., Marion, daughter of Thomas Becke of Manchester, and was father of William Birch, Warden of Manchester in the time of Queen Elizabeth. — *Suffield MSS.*

The Becks, a highly respectable family in Manchester, entered their pedigree at the Visitation in 1664-5

best gowne and best kyrtill Iẗm I bequethe unto S^r^ Roƀ Bek my best gowne and my best blakk chamlett dublett and my best wolstyd dublett Iẗm I bequeth unto George Brych my secund gowne and my tawny chamlett dowblett and a wolstyd dubled Iẗm I bequeth unto litill Thom^as^ Beke my gawbardyne to make hym a gowne Iẗm I bequeth to Merget Hadelande a kyrtyll Iẗm I bequeth to owr ladyȩ service in Manchest^r^ ij^s^ The residue off my goodȩ not bequetheyd I bequeth unto my brother Thom^as^ Beke and S^r^ Roƀt Beke whome I ordene myn executors to dyspose as the shall thynke best ffor my sowle helth and S^r^ James Grene supvisor to se that this my last will be fulfilled att Manchest^r^ the day and ye᷑ aforsaid thes witnes George Brych Laurence Cheth^am^ Sir James Grene and other.

TESTAMENTUM ARTHURI SCOLFELD DE SCOLFELD.

Probat᷒ xx^o^ Ap^r^lis anno Dñi m v^c^ lviij.

IN the name of God Amen The xxiij^th^ day of August ano Dñi 1557 I Arthur Scolfeld of Scolfeld w^t^in the countie of Lanc. gent. sicke in bodie and of good and pfett remembrannce lawde and praise be to Almightie God do ordeyne and make this my p᷒sent testamēt and last will in maner and forme followinge ffirst and principallie above all things I comend my soull to Almightie God my Maker and Redemer and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe churche or churche yard of Rachdale or els where hit shall please God to dispose Iẗm I geve and bequethe to the highe aulter at Rachdale ij^s^ iiij^d^ Iẗm I geve and bequethe towards the reparac̃ons of the same churche ij^s^ iiij^d^ Iẗm I geve &c. to Emme my doughter in lawe xxvj^s^ viij^d^ yerelie w^ch^ I have paide out of Hartishedd Hall in Yorkshire duringe the yeres w^ch^ I have yet to expende in the same Iẗm I

geve &c. to my mother on newe silv̄ spone and vj^{s} viij^{d} in monie Itm I geve &c. to Cuthbte Scolfeld[1] my silke dublet my swerd my bruche vj^{s} lodes of timber in Quycke[2] and on paire of crokē lyenge in the maister lawe Itm I geve to ev̄y on of my brothers children v^{s} Itm I geve &c. to Robt Buckley my best coate Itm I geve unto Hughe Buckley my silk hatt Itm I geve unto Edward Latham my best hosen Itm I geve unto Edmunde Butterworthe my best paire of hose savinge on Itm I geve &c. to Edward Talio^{r} my servannt one dublett of buckeskynnes one paire of hose one lether jerkin and v^{s} in monie Itm S^{r} Henrie Ferror ij^{s} The residue of all my goods catallis and detts after my detts beyinge paide my funerall expensis discharged and thes my legacies herein conteyned p̄formed I whollie geve and bequethe to Alex̄ my bastard sonne And I do constitute and make Caterin my wyffe and the said Alexand^{r} my executors to execute trulie in the p̄misses And of the execuc̄on of the same I do ordeine and make the forsaide Cuthbte Scolfeld Thom^{s} Buckley of Buckley and Robt Buckley his sonne supvisors Thes witnes Thom^{s} Hill George Buckley Thom^{s} Tetlowe Edmūd Mylne and others.

[1] Cuthbert Scolfeld Gent. was the heir of the testator, who was the head of an ancient house in the parish of Rochdale, descended from John del Scolfeld who attests in Hundersfield the grant of John de Sale to Thomas his son and heir on Monday next after the feast of S. Michael xvii. Edw. III. (1343), and who frequently occurs in deeds of that reign. For some account of the individuals named in this will see *Derby Household Books*, p. 164, *Note* 1, published by the Chetham Society.

[2] *Qu.* Quick in Saddleworth.

TESTAMENTUM ALEXANDRI NEWTON DE NEWTON.[1]

Probat xxvjto Julii anno Dñi mo vc lvijo.

IN the name of God Amen The iiijth day of Julie in the yere of or Lord 1557 and in the iijt and iiij yeres of Phelippe and Marie Kinge and Quene &c. I Alexr Newton of Newton wthin the countie of Chester gent. beynge sicke of bodie and of good and pfitt memorie thanke be to God do ordeyne make and declare this my pñt testamēt herein conteyned my last will in maner and forme followinge That is to witt first I geve and bequethe my soull to Almightie God my maker and Redemer and my bodie and bones to be buried wthin the pishe churche of Saint Michaell at Mottram Also I geve and bequethe to George Newton my sonne and heire for and in the name of his heirelomes two of my best oxen my best waine and wheles my best silv spones my best bedd wth the covynge belonginge to the same a grett panne or a grett brasse pott wth two arks for meyle Also I will that the rest of my goods catallis and detts shall be devyded into iijt equall and just pts wherof I geve and bequethe on equall and just pte unto Emlyne my wife on other pte to be devyded amongc my children the forsaid George Isabell and Mrgaret my doughters onlie exceptid and for the therd and last pte I do reserve to myselfe as well for the discharge of my funall as also

[1] "Newton is said to have given name anciently to a family and to have had a mesne manor, which was conveyed in 1692 by Alexander Newton to Sir Charles Dukenfield Bart."—Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 415. The testator was of Newton in the parish of Mottram, and does not appear to have been connected with the Newtons of Pownall, owners of Newton juxta Butley in the parish of Prestbury. He married Emlyn, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bromley of Nantwich, and after his death she became the wife of Edmund Dukinfield Gent.—*Lanc. MSS.* vol. xii. For a notice of the family see *Derby Household Books*, p. 111, *Note.*

for the accomplishmēt of my legacies and bequestis hereafter declared in this my last [will] and testamēt Also I geve &c. to the forsaid George my sonne and heire of my iij^{t} pte all other cartϱ plowes waines harrowis and all other implemētϱ belonginge to husbandrie xij silv̄ spones two coffers and one little coffer tenne syffes of otis a horse and a mare called Julian with all bords and bedstoks wthin my house Also I geve &c. to Will̃m Hollinworthe my godsonne of my said therd pt on calfe Also I geve to Reynold Hollingworthe his father on ballid bulloke and his fellowe Also to John Hollinworthe on other calfe Also I geve to Isabell Hollinworth on other calfe Also of my pt I bequeth Thom^{s} Crompton on cowe wth a white side two stirks a red and a blacke Ităm I bequethe to M^{g}garet his wife a blacke cowe that was an harriot for John Turn̄ Also I geve to Isabell Hollinworthe a browne cowe Also to Will̃m Crompton a calfe Also I geve to Will̃m Newton Emlin Elizabeth Cicelie and Kat̃ my children xxx^{ti} hogge shepe the p^{r}ce to be taken of my said therd pte and also that these forsaid v children have the saide sheppe made v^{li} Also I geve to John and Thom^{s} my sonnes two oxen a blacke and a browne besidϱ ther childϱ pt to kepe them to schole Also I geve Emlin my wife a mare called Rose and also a bed cov̄ynge w^{ch} she bought at Ashton And also I geve ev̄y on of my children whose names followe iij^{t} syffes of otis that is to say Will̃m John Thom^{s} Emlin Elizabeth Isabell Kat̃ Cicelie and M^{g}garet Also I will my sonne Will̃m shall have all his goodϱ besidϱ his childϱ pt Also I geve &c. to ev̄y on of my servannts on halfeyeres wages Also I geve to James a cowe stirke beside his wages Also I geve to Agnes B [*sic*] ov̄ her halfe yeres wages on paire of tere hempe shetes Also I geve to my godsonne Alex̃ Haughton iij^{s} iiij^{d} Ităm to Alis Baylie ij^{s} Ităm I geve to the mendinge of the bell at Mottram x^{s} Also I will that Anne my doughter have her childs pt of good at the forste dyvision therof amongϱ her other brethern and sisters but no part or porc̃on of the rev̄sōn of my owne therd pt And the rest

remainder and revsõn of all my goods and catallis I geve to my children whose names followe that is to witt Willm John Thom's Emlin Eliz Cicelie and Kat to be devyded amonge them by even porcõns Also I bequethe and assigne on close lyeinge nerest unto James Bailies called the m9led earthe unto my iiij^{or} doughters unmarried unto suche tyme that xx^{tie} m9ks be reysed and taken up of the same by myne executors toward the marriage of my said doughters that is to witt to evy of them v m9ks at suche tyme as they shall come unto marriage or els other honest pfermēt Provided alwaies that if my sonne and heire do come in bonndę to myne executors to pay the said sūme of xx^{tie} m9ks towardę the marriage of my said doughters at suche tyme as they shall [think] reasonable then he to have the occupacõn of the forsaid close Also I will that John Bailie shall have the medowes w^{ch} heretofore he occupied at Michelmas next comynge payeinge the rent therof to my forsaid wife at M9tinmas then next followinge Also I will that if any clause or article conteyned in this my last will and testamēt be not sure and sufficiēt in the same or contrarie and repugnant to any law or statute of this realme heretofore made that then the same shalbe corrected and amended accordinge to the said lawe or statute followinge the true meaninge of this my said will And to the intente that this my last will may be well and trulie accomplished in all causes accordinge to the teno^{r} forme effect and true meanynge of the same I constitute ordeyne make and appoint Reynold Hollinworthe Thom's Ashton Rondull Wynyngton and Emlin my said wife my true and lawfull executors and my brother John Hollinworthe and Thom's Crompton overseers of the same Thes beynge witnes Raffe Heyward Charles Andrewe Raffe Andrue Willm Fullalove James Jonson John Cleyden Sir Davyd Ithell curate at Mottram.

TESTAMENTUM ADÆ BIROM.[1]

IN the name of God Amen In the yere of o^{r} Lord God m.d.lvj the therd day of May I Adam Birom of Salford in the countie of Lanc. m^{r} channt hoole of mynd and pfett memorie ordeyne constitute and make my last will and testamēt in mañ and forme followinge ffirst I geve and bequeth my soull to Almightie God besechinge o^{r} Ladie Saint Marie and all the hollie cumpanye of heaven to pray for me and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Manchester afore the rode nere unto my father and mother Also I geve &c. to the churchwardeyns of the said churche towards the churche-works there and for my buriall in the forsaide churche xl^{s} Also I will that all and singuler my detts whatsoev^{r} they shalbe w^{ch} I shall fortune to be owghinge at tyme of my deathe and also all my fuñall expenses and suche costis and expensis as myne executors or any of them shall susteyne beare or be charged wth for or concernynge the sute in the lawe spũall or temporall for and annends the pform-annce or maintenannce of this my will and testamēt or any pt therof shalbe levied taken and paide of my whole good^{s} and cattallis And further I will that after all my detts shalbe paide and all obliga-cõns and specialties by me made and to be made clerelie discharged and paide and all fuñall expensis and sutis above rehersed paide and pformed of my hoole good^{s} and cattallis Then I will that the residue of all my said good^{s} and cattallis shalbe devided equallie into two parts wherof on part w^{ch} to me dothe apparteyne and belonge I geve &c. hoollie to my thre sonnes George Birom Henry Birom and Adam Birom to be equallie devyded among^{s} them o^{r} and beside ther

[1] No date of probate. The testator was son of Ralph Byrom of Salford (second son of Byrom of Byrom) by Alice, daughter of —— Starkey of Pennington. — *Lanc. Visitation* 1613. He was ancestor of the Byroms of Salford and Manchester. Miss Atherton of Kersall is the representative of the latter family.

childes part and porc̃on of my goods and cattallis and the other part and halfe of my said goods &c. I will to be equallie devyded amongis the said George Henrie and Adam and Isabell Birom M^{g}aret Birom and Anne Birom my daughters indifferentlie ev̄y one a like porc̃on of the same part Also I will that my said sonnes George Birom and Henrie Birom shall aswell have the rule gov̄nannce and kepinge of the said Isabell M^{g}aret and Anne my said doughters of ther part and porc̃on of ther said goods and cattallis untill they shall come sev̄allie to ther ages of xxj^{tie} yeres or shalbe p'ferred by marriage as the said George and Henrie my said sonnes shalby ther discrec̃on thinke conveniēt And also I will that my said thre doughters Isabell M^{g}aret and Anne and ev̄y of them by the discrec̃on of my said sonnes George and Henrie shall have ther convenēt exhibic̃on and findinge of ther sev̄all parts and porc̃ons of the said goods and cattallis untill they shall come to and be of ther sev̄all ages of xxj yeres or shalbe otherwise p̄ferred by marriage as is aforsaide Also I will that when any of my said doughters Isabell M^{g}aret and Anne shall come to her full age of xxj^{tie} yeares or in the meane tyme shall come to any reasonable p̄moc̃on or marriage as my said sonnes George and Henrie shall thinke conveniēt then I will that the forsaid George and Henrie wthin the space of on hoole yere next after suche p̄moc̃on or marriage shall delyver to ev̄y suche of the said Isabell M^{g}aret and Anne so p̄moted or p̄ferred or so comynge to her age of xxj^{tie} yeres her said part and porc̃on of the said goods and cattallis w^{ch} shall so remain in the hands of the said George and Henrie Also I will that if any of my said doughters Isabell M^{g}aret or Anne afore her or theyr sev̄all ages of xxj^{ti} yeres will not be ordred nor ruled by my said sonnes George and Henrie and aske and claime any p̄t of my said goods and catallis then I will that my said sonnes George and Henrie shall reteyne and kepe in his or theyr hands all suche part and porc̃on of my said goods before to theym bequethed as is aforsaid wthout any delyverie therof as shulde appteyne or belonge to any

of the said Isabell M^{9}garet or Anne so refusinge to be ordred by my said sonnes George and Henrie untill suche tyme as any of them so refusinge the order of my said sonnes George and Henrie shall come to her or theyre full age of xxj^{tie} yeres or before her p̄fermēt or marriage as is aforsaid Then I will that all and ev̄y suche part and porcōn of my said goods as ought to appteyne or belonge to any of the said Isabell M^{9}garet or Anne my said doughters so deceassinge shalbe equallie devyded amonges the other of my said doughters Isabell M^{9}garet or Anne then beynge on lyve and not married And if hit happen the said Isabell M^{9}garet and Anne and ev̄y of them to dye before theyr full age of xxj^{tie} yeres or before ther p̄fermēt or marriage then I will that all the part and porcōns of my said goods w^{ch} shuld or ought to appteyn to any of the said Isabell M^{9}garet and Anne shalbe equallie devyded amonges my said sonnes George Henrie and Adam or suche of them as then shalbe lyvinge Also hit is my will that if my said sonne Adam dye before his full age of xxj^{tie} yeres and not married at the time of his deceasse that then all suche part and porcōn of my said goods and cattalles as shuld or ought to appteyne or belonge to the said Adam so deceassinge shalbe equallie devyded amongis the said George and Henrie my said sonnes if they shall then be lyvinge Also I geve &c. to my lovinge frends Laurens Asshawe gent. Alex. Rigbie and Robt. Shawe ev̄ye on of them fowre m^{9}ks in monie to thentent that they and ev̄y of them be aidinge and assistinge to my executo^{rs} for the true accomplishmēt and execucōn of this p̄sent will and testamēt accordinge to the speciall trust and confidence w^{ch} I have reposed in them and in ev̄ye of them And by this present will and testamēt I do revoke and adnull all former willes by me heretofore made written or spoken And also I do ordeyne constitute and make for my true and faithfull executo^{rs} my said sonnes George Birom and Henrie Birom to thentent that they shall see this my will in ev̄ye article and pointe to be trulie p̄formed and fulfilled and kept And I constitute and make my supvisors of this

my last will and testamēt my sonne Adam Birom and Raffe Browne desiringe them as my speciall confidence and trust is in them to be good and kynde unto my said children In witnes wherof I the saide Adam Birom to this my p̄sent last will and testamēt have set my seale and subscribed my name in the presence and witnes of Rob̄t Shawe, Adam Birom ffrancę Sanndę Alex. Rigbie and others.

TESTAMENTUM ANNE TILDISLEY.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The xvjth day of October in the yere of o^{r} Lord God 1556 I Anne Tildisley of the pishe of Eccles the doughter of the late Thom^{as} Tildisley esquire nowe deceassed beynge sicke in boddie and of good and pfett remembraunce do make my last will and testamēt in man̄ and fourme followinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God to o^{r} Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanye of heaven and my boddie to Christian buriall nere unto the place where my father lyethe in Eccles churche yard Ite̅m I do aske forgyvenes of all the world and the creatures therin and I do also aske and requyre forgyvenes of all those that I have by any meanes trespassed or offended heretofore frelie forgyveynge all the world and all the creatures therin of all trespasses and faultę to me heretofore co̅mitted and done Ite̅m whereas my graundfather Thurstan Tildesley esqēr late deceassed hathe geven and bequethed as apperethe in one article or clause of his last will and testamēt unto me xl^{li} to be levied of his goodę as far as his goodę will extend and if his goodę will not extend so farr then he willed that the said some of xl^{li} to be levied of his fermes of Mireschoghe

[1] No date of probate. She was a daughter of Thomas Tildesley of Wardley Esq. by Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead. — *Suffield MSS.* His marriage settlement is dated 26th October 10 Henry VIII., when they were "both within age."

Saurbie Gawsnarghe Pulton fferna and Fishwicke wthin iiij^{or} yeres next after the day of his deathe towards my marriage w^{ch} said so$\bar{m}$e of xl^{li} and ev$\eth$y part and p$\eth$cell therof I do frelie gyve and bequethe unto my welbeloved mother Jane Tildisley widdowe and to my brother Thurstan Tildisley esq$\bar{r}$ indifferentlie to be devyded betwene them two Ite$\bar{m}$ I do geve &c. unto my mother Jane Tildisley widdowe on cowe and unto my cosin Elizabeth Worthington two partlettϱ the one wrought wth gold and the other wth silke And I do also geve &c. unto my two sisters Isabell Tildisley and M^{r}garet Tildisley the resedue of myne apparell if my said mother therunto will consent Ite$\bar{m}$ I do ordeyne constitute and make my welbeloved mother Jane Tildisley widdowe and my brother Thurstan Tildisley esquier my true and lawfull executors of this my last will and testam$\bar{e}$t unto whom I geve &c. the resedue of all my goodϱ unbequethed And I do require and most hartelie beseche my cosin Thurstan Parre to be the supvisor of this my last will and testam$\bar{e}$t as my esp$\bar{i}$all trust is he will so be Ite$\bar{m}$ I will that my executors shall geve to ev$\eth$y on of my bretherne that is to say Hughe Tildisley Ri$\tilde{c}$ Tildisley to George Tildisley to Thom^{as} Tildisley to Gilb$\dot{t}$e Tildisley and to James Tildisley and to ev$\eth$y of them xiij^{s} iiij^{d} a pece to be paid by the hands of my execut^{ors} wthin two yeres next after my deceasse if my said execut^{ors} wilbe pleased so to do In the presence of thes p$\eth$sons Jane Tildisley widdowe Thurstan Tildisley es$\tilde{q}$er Hughe Tildisley Alice Worthington Ri$\tilde{c}$ Tildisley George Tildisley Thomas Eccersall Wi$\dot{l}\dot{l}$m Rothwell Roger Hodgekinson Thom^{as} Sotherne wth others.

TESTAMENTUM CICILIE BOTHE.[1]

IN the Name of God Amen The xxvijth day of Decẽbre 1557 I Cicelie Bothe of Dunhm̃ Massie wthin the countie of Chester gentlewomā beynge vexed and troubled wth sicknes in my boddie and knoledginge my selfe mortall and the tyme of deathe or momẽt of the same to be most uncerteyne willinge to make order and a redynes of all my goods detts and all other things to me belonginge as was geven and bequethed unto my marriage by my father George Bothe decessed and likewise all other goods w^{ch} was geven me by my mother as may stand wth the order of the comen lawe of this realme do make order and establishe this my last will and testamẽt in man̄ and forme followinge ffirst I will and bequethe my soull to Almightie God and o^{r} Ladie St. Marie and all the hollie cumpanie of heaven to pray for me and my bodie to be buried in Jhesus Chapell wthin the churche of Bawdon ffirst I will and bequethe to Wiłłm Boothe of Dunhm̃ Massie vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Iťm I will and bequethe to my brother John Boothe xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Iťm I geve unto my godson Roƀte Boothe vj^{li} xiij^{s} iv^{d} Iťm I will and bequethe to Anne Massie Elizabeth Fitton and Dorothe Tatton my sisters vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} a pece Also I will that my cosin Elizabethe Massie shall have vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I will that Wiłłm Tatton and Roƀte Tatton have either of them iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Iťm I geve unto the churche of Bawdon liij^{s} iiij^{d} to be prayde for Iťm I geve and be-

[1] No date of probate. Cicely, daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. Her sisters mentioned in the will were Anne, the wife of William Massey of Podington, Esq.; Elizabeth, who afterwards in 1566 married Richard Sutton of Sutton Esq.; and Dorothy, the wife of Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402. It is evident from the will that Elizabeth had married a Fitton previous to her union with Mr. Sutton.

quethe unto S^r^ Thom^as^ Strettell S^r^ Henrie Tippinge and S^r^ John Percyvall iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ a pece Ite̅m I will and bequethe to my brother Robte Boothe one hundrethe marks Ite̅m I geve my uncle Robte Booth iij^li^ vjs viij^d^ Ite̅m I geve unto Charlis Boothe xx^s^ Ite̅m I geve unto George Boothe xx^s^ Ite̅m I geve unto Raffe Massie x^s^ Ite̅m I geve unto Gilbte Bonworth xx^s^ Ite̅m I geve to Thom^as^ Arderon xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Also I will that vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ be devyded amongis poore people at the discrec̃on of myne executo^rs^ Ite̅m I will that all the s^r^vauntis w^th^in the house shall have a yeres wagis geven them and the rest of all my goode̛ unbequethed my detts fun̄alles and ordinarie charges discharged I geve and bequethe unto myne executors to bestowe in dedes at ther discrec̃on Also I ordeine constitute and make my brother Robte Boothe and myne uncle Robte Boothe my true and faithfull executors to execute this my last will and testamēt in man̄ and forme before rehersed In witnes unto this my last will and testamēt I the said Cicelie Boothe have to thes pn̄te̛ put to my seale the day and yere abovesaid Thes beynge witnes S^r^ Thom̄s Strettell curate S^r^ John Percyvall Henry Neld John Tippinge and Adam Ogden.

TESTAMENTUM CAROLI MANWARINGE DE CROXTON ARMIGERI.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The vijth day of the monethe of Marche in the yere of o^r^ Lord 1520 [1520–1] I Charles

[1] No date of probate. Charles Mainwaring of Croxton, the King's Attorney for the county of Chester, was the son of Ralph Mainwaring of Croxton by Katherine, daughter and coheir of Roger Darley of Chester. He married Katherine, daughter of John Dukenfield of Dukenfield Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 114. It is there stated that he died 5 Hen. VIII., which the date of the will disproves. Isabel was probably his second wife.

Manwaringe of Croxton esq^er hole of mynde and memorie nev̄theles sumwhat vexid w^th Godd̄ visitac̄on make and ordeine my last will and testamēt and last will in this man̄ and forme ffollowinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God and to our Ladie his mother and to all the hollie saint̄ and my boddie to be buried in the chapell of Saint Nicolas in the pishe of Middlewiche Also I bequethe in the name of my principall my best quyeke good Also I geve &c toward the gildinge of the table of the highe aulter of the pishe churche of Middlewiche xiij^s iiij^d Also I bequethe to o^r Ladye servise maintenynge in the same towne a cowe Ĩtm I bequethe to the pishe churche of Moburley two torches and xvj^d I bequethe to the pishe churche of Alderley a torche Ĩtm I bequethe to S^r Henrie Bentley xl^s and his table for a whole yere to singe for my soull and for my frend̄ soullis duringe the same yere Ĩtm I bequethe to Thom̄s Pevo^r my russet gowne Also I bequethe to my doughter Anne all such dett̄ and covenannt̄ as is betwixe me and S^r Thom̄s Ashton of Ashton under Lyne as more playnelie apperis by writinge betwixe us made the w^ch writinge I have delyvered to the said Anne[1] my doughter the coppye wherof hereunto this my will is annexed Ĩtm I will that all man̄ of gyftes grannt̄ assignemēt̄ feoffmēt̄ and bequest̄ of any man̄ my land̄ tenement̄ good̄ and cattallis made by me heretofore by writinge or declared by mouthe by dede or last will to Isabell my wife or to the use and behofe of the same that by this my last will all suche thinḡ as much as in is they be ferme stable and ratified in all man̄ effecte to the profett of my said wyfe Ĩtm I ordene and make my executor^s of this my testamēt Isabel my wife that she shall se for the p̄fett of my soull as she thinks best and will answere before God to whom I bequethe the residue of my good̄ and duties owinge after my bodie be buried my will fulfilled and my dett̄ paid Thes witnes

[1] James Ashton of Chadderton Esq. married Anne, daughter of Charles Mainwaring of Croxton. — Harl. MSS. 1549, fo. 1. At his father's death, 34 Hen. VIII., he was æt. 48, and ob. 3 Edward VI. anno 1550. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 171.

Sr Henrie Bentley ꝑiste Rauffe Chikkens and Raffe Manwaringe Geven the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI HOLT DE ASHWORTHE GENEROSI.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The vjth day of Novēber in the yere of or Lord God md and ljx and in the first yere of the reigne of or soveraigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God &c. I Robt Holt of Ashworth in the countie of Lanc̄ gent sicke of bodie and of good and ꝑfitt remēbraunce laude and praise be to Almightie God therfore do ordeyne constitute and make this my ꝑsent testamēt and last will in maꝰ and forme followinge ffirst and principallie I bequethe my soull into the handꝛ of Almightie God Maker and Redemꝰ of mākinde and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe churche of Midelton or els where hit shall please God to dispose Iĭm I will that all my goodꝛ cattallis and dettꝛ after my dettꝛ and fuꝰall expencis paide shalbe devided into thre equall partꝛ whereof one equall part I will that Johann my wyefe shall have in the name of all her thridd part of all my goodꝛ and cattallis And one other equall part I will that my fowre children Williā Cicelie Dorithie and Elizabeth shall have equallie devided amongꝛ them And of the thrid equall ꝑt I geve grannt will and bequeth toward the reedyfyenge or sustentac̄on of the parrishe churche of Midelton vjs viijd to be paid by myne executorꝛs as they churchwardeins shall reasonablie require the same Iĭm I geve &c. toward the sustentac̄on of

[1] Proved Feb. 15th, 1559-60. The testator married first, Grace, daughter of Ralph Rishton Gent., marriage covenant dated 26th November, 14 Henry VIII., and secondly Joanna, daughter of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft Knt., marriage covenant dated 20th October 1558. She was living at Ashworth in 1560 "in plena vita."—*Lanc. MSS.* vol. xi. p. 275. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 103, and *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 198 et seq.

Ashworth chappell vj^{s} viij^{d} to be paid by myne executo^{rs} when the churche ryves shall reasonablie require the same Item I geve &c. to my sonne in lawe Robt Hulme iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Item I geve &c. to my doughter Anne[1] Hulme iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Item I geve &c. to Jone Hulme a calfe and two shepe. Item I geve &c. to my suster Ellen Dene vj^{s} viij^{d} Item I geve &c. to Thom^{as} Dene my nephewe two shepe Item I geve &c. to John Kay my nephewe two shepe Item I geve &c. to Anne Whitworthe one shepe Item I geve &c. to Johanne Whitworthe on shepe Item to Elizabeth Whitworth one shepe Item I geve &c. to Thom^{as} Holland my servannt vj^{s} viij^{d} Item I geve to James Lache iij^{s} iiij^{d} Item I geve &c. to James Holt xij^{d} Item I geve &c. to James Fishe xij^{d} Item I geve &c. to Alex Whitworthe xij^{d} Item to Robte Collinge xij^{d} Item to Ric Bridge xij^{d} Item to Hughe Holt xij^{d} Item I geve &c. to Ric Medwoodd xij^{d} Item I geve &c. to myne execut^{rs} hereafter to be named xx^{s} to be geven to the poor folkꝭ dwellinge in Asheworthe or nere Asheworthe as my execut^{rs} shall thinke mete by ther discrecons Item I geve &c. to my sonne Robte Holt my horse my saddill my bridell and all thingꝭ belonginge therto wth all my harneis belonginge to the warres Item I geve &c. to my said sonne Robte Holt a fetherbedd a matteras wth thingꝭ belonginge to them and my coffer w^{ch} hathe my evidence in wth all my part of worke lomes pteynynge to husbandrie Item I geve &c. my clocke my brasse pott all my spittꝭ gawbertꝭ and stonne trowghes thre grett arkꝭ and two grett keres to my serve [*sic*] my wyeffe and my heires at Ashworthe Item I will that my wiefe and my two sonnes Robte Holt and Willm Holt shall have suche tacks of tithes at Oldam as I have under S^{r} Thom^{as} Holt duringe his lease and the residue of all my part of goodꝭ my legacies conteyned herein ꝑformed I geve to my said wyefe my sonne Robte my iiij^{or} children Willm Cicelie Dorithie and Elizabethe equallie to be

[1] Anne, wife of Robert Hulme of Manchester, and great grandmother of William Hulme Esq. the founder of the exhibitions at Brazenose. — *Lanc. Visitation*, 1664-5.

devided amonge them And of this my ꝑsent testamēt and last will I do ordene constitute and make Jone Holt my wiefe and Wiłłm Holt my youngꝰ sonne my faithfull execuꝰ to execute justlie in the ꝑmysses as my trust is in them and supvisors therof I do ordene constitute and make Sr Thomᶜs Holt Sr Roƀt Langley kts. and ffrauncis Holt sonne and heire apparent of Sr Thomᶜs Holt kt. to ovꝰsee justlie this my last will and testamēt as my trust is in them Thes beynge witnes Thomᶜs Holland James Haworth Thomᶜs Deyne James Fishe Roƀt Collinge wth others.

TESTAMENTUM KATERINE BUCKLEY DE CHEDILL.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen The xvjth day of Novēber the yere of or Lord God mdljx I Caterin Bulkley of Chedale in the countie of Chester beynge of ꝑfitt mynde and rembraunce nevꝰtheles fearinge the uncertaine howre of Godꝭ visitacō̃ not willinge to dye intestate do therfore ordene constitute ordene and make my last will and testamēt in maꝰ and forme followinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God to Jhesus Christ his onlie sonne or Lord and to the Hollie Ghoste ꝓcedinge of them bothe desiringe them to accept my said soull into their hollie handꝭ and my bodie to be buried in the chauncell at Chedill before the grett windowe there Secondlie I geve and bequethe unto Sr Riĉ Buckley k. my nephewe my best tableclothe of diaꝑ my best towell of diap also and my best carpet and to my Ladie Buckley my nece a gold ringe wth a blewe and a red stonne in the same desiringe her to accept the same for a simple token and remēbraunce and to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto my younge nephewe Mr Riĉ Buckley my signet Iĩm I geve &c. unto Mr Thomᶜs Buckley my brother

[1] No date of probate.

my seconnd table clothe and seconnd towell and also my best bed savinge one that is to witt a matteras a fetherbed a bolster two pillowes a paire of shetes two blankettꝙ on coͮvlett and the seconnd coverinnge and my brother Roƀte I geve xˢ in gold Also I geve &c. to my nece Ellen my best gowne and my best kirtell to the same and also my therd bed that is to witt a matteras a fether bed a bolster two pillowes a paire of sheetꝙ two blankettꝙ a coͮvlett and my therd coͮvinge and also my thrid table clothe and my thridd towell and to Raffe Arderne my godsonne I geve xlˢ the rest of my reament and apparell I will be devīd betwixe my nece Elizabethe Buckley and little Catterin my wenche and I geve to ether of them that is to the said Elizabeth and Caterin vˡⁱ a pece and to my nephewe John Buckley vˡⁱ and to my nece Kať Bulkley xlˢ Iťm I geve &c. to my godson Charles Buckley vˡⁱ and to my nephewe Thomᵃˢ that is sonne to my brother Wiłłm xlˢ Iťm I geve &c. to my servannt curate and ghostlie father Sʳ Homfrey Ƀirron on pece of gold beyinge xxˢ and also an other pece of gold viz. a dubble duckett and to the same Sʳ Homfrey also I geve &c. a matteras a fether bedd viz. the seconnd that I lye apon a pillowe a bolster a paire of flaxen shetꝙ two blankettꝙ and two coverlettꝙ Also I geve &c. to Pascha xlˢ and to Elizabeth Hawerden xlˢ Iťm to Elizabeth Sutton I geve xxˢ and a coverlett Iťm to Anne Blackshawe Mᴾgaret Browne and Anne Tippinge I geve xˢ a pece Iťm I geve &c. to Raffe Blackshawe xxˢ and to John ap Riᶜ̄ xxˢ and to John Hygenson vjˢ viijᵈ and to Cateren Hygenson vjˢ viijᵈ Iťm I will that Roƀt Jameson shall have xxˢ and double raymēt accordinge to his indenture at the oᵛsight of my executorˢ Iťm I geve &c. to Wiłłm Sidebotham a yoke of oxen and to Kať Moile xlˢ The rest residue and remainder of all my goodꝙ and cattallis not bequethed and geven after my dettꝙ paid my legacies pformed and the cost of my fuñall dischargid wᶜʰ I will to be wᵗʰout any pompe of the worlde but after an honest sort I will to be devided equallie betwixe my nephue Thomᵃˢ Buckley wᶜʰ is wᵗʰ Doctor

Pole my nece Ellin Arderon my nece Elizabeth Buckley and little Kaŧ my wenche Iŧm I ordeine constitute and make my lawfull execuꝯ Mr Thomas Buckley my brother my nephue Thoms Buckley wch is wth Doctor Pole and Sr Homfrey Birron to execute and pforme this my said last testamēt as they shall answere afore God and for ther paines I geve unto the said Mr Thoms Buckley xxxs and to either of the other two executors that is to my nephewe Thoms and to the said Sr Homfrey xxs a pece Provided alwaies that if my said executors be vexed or troubled in the lawe that then they shall have their chargis borne them upon my said goodꝯ In witnes whereof to this my said last will and testamēt I the said Kaŧ Buckley have put my seale and subscribed my name wth myne awne hand the day and yere above said Thes beynge witnes Willm Bancroft Raffe Blackshawe Thoms Buckley wth others.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CALVELEY PENCIONARII.[1]

IN the name of God Amen I John Calveley pensioñ to the Quenes grace do make this my last will and testamēt beynge of pfitt memorie ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God to or blessed Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in Aldford churche if I die in Chesshire if I die any where els at the discrecōn of my executors or frendꝯ

[1] No date of probate. He was servant to Queen Mary, and a younger son of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt. by Elizabeth daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton Knt. His sisters were, Catherine, the wife of John Beeston of Beeston Esq.; Joan, who married first John Edwards of Chirk, and secondly Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft; Christiana, married, 4 Henry VIII., Richard Hough of Leighton; Eleanor, wife of John Davenport of Calveley in 13 Hen. VIII.: and Dorothy, who married first Robert Bostock, and afterwards Edward Almer. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

beynge there then Item I geve to my brother Sr Hughe Calveley my signet of gold and my sackclothe gowne furred wth catt Item I geve to my cosen George Calveley the best horse that I have and my best cappe wth aglettę and my crimson satten dublett wth the hose and shoes therto Item I geve to my cosen Hughe Calveley my chaine of gold Item I geve to Mr. John Dutton my gylt wood knyfe and my horne tipped wth silv and gilt and I geve to my cosin his wyefe my crimson satten gowne laid on wth lace of silv Item I geve to my cosin George Bieston my seconnd horse and my harneis of stele Item I geve to my cosin Sr John Done my gilt harnes of velvet Item I geve to my brother Sr Hughe my night gowne of blacke damaske garded wth velvet and I geve to evy on of my sisters that be alyve xxs a pece in gold to make them evy on a ringe in remembraunce of me for lacke of a better giefte And I gyve to my brother Edwardę his gonne he gave me And I geve to Willm Houghe[1] my best curtall Item I geve to my cosin Willm Alm my short damaske gowne garded wth velvet Item I geve to my brother Davenport my best crosse bowe wth the rack and the arrowis Item I geve to my brother Alm my little crosse bowe wth the racke Item I geve to my brother Edwardę my longe gonne Item I geve to Dorithie Damport toward her marriage fyve mkę Item I do geve xxtie nobles to the pavemēt of Saighton Lane Item I geve to Robte Dicus my old servaunt xls and I geve to Rondull Banester my interest of Bewmarris howse the widdowe in Sawhton duringe his life And to John horse kep my servaunt I geve hym xxtie nobles and I geve to Donne iiijli and to Heseld iiijli I geve And I geve and assigne unto my brother Antonie all my leases of Sawghton and to Raffe Calveley his sonne (my debtę paid and my will fulfilled) I geve and assigne to hym my lease of the psonage of Bridlington Item I geve to Geffrey xls and to evy servaunt in my brother Antonies house I geve xld a pece and I geve

[1] Nephew of the testator, and husband of Jane, natural daughter of Thomas Cromwell Earl of Essex. — Ormerod vol. ii. p. 304.

to Elizabeth Turner iiij^{or} m^{r}ks and to the pishe of Aldford a bañer of xx^{s} to be praide for and an other bañer I geve to Hanley and an other to Churchen Heathe and x^{li} to be geven to the poore to pray for my soull And I charge myne executo^{rs} to pay the pson of Hanley what he will take of his conscience I owe hym and to my brother S^{r} Hughe Calveley iij^{li} I borrowed of hym and what he will have for his tithe hay to pay hym and to pay ev^{r}ye man that can aske me any thing as myne executo^{rs} will answere me in an other world And the rest of my goods I geve to myne executo^{rs} And if hit please God to call for myne executo^{rs} wthout issue then I wold my leases shuld be the heires of the Ley and this I aske all the world forgyvenes and I forgeve all the world Written with my owne hand the iiijth day of June in the thridd and iiijth yeres of Kinge Phelippe and Quene Maries reigne I geve to Lowe my tenannt xx^{tie} nobles Itm I geve to Bunburie churche a banner of xx^{s} Itm I geve Henrie Longton my hole interest of his house and demaine grounde that he occupiethe nowe duringe his liefe Itm I do geve Willm Done my servaunt his howse and ground duringe his liefe And I do make my well beloved brother Antonie Calveley and Raffe Calveley his sonne my executo^{rs} of this my testamēt

p me John Calveley.

TESTAMENTUM THOME WILBRAM DE WOODHEY IN COM. CEST. ARMIGERI.[1]

IN the name of God Amen In the yer of o^{r} Lord God m. v^{c} lv [1555–6] the xijth day of Januarie I Thom̄s Wilbrām of Wood-

[1] No date of probate. The testator, son of William Wilbraham of Woodhey, by Helena daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq., married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Mainwaring of Peover Knt. and died without issue 3rd July 1558. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 199.

hey beyng of parfitt mynd and in good health make my testamēt and last will in forme followinge ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almightie God and to o^{r} blessed Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Acton in o^{r} Ladie chapell and I will that the Alabast̄ stonne that is whole w^{ch} lay in the said chapell before be laid upon my grave, and I will that xx^{s} be geven to the churchwardens to be bestowed as they and my executo^{rs} shall thynke necessarie And yf any monie be owinge by the churchwardens for the churche to me at the tyme of my death I do forgyve the same Also I will y^{t} xij gownes be bought made and gevin to xij pore men and women the day of my buriall Also I will ther be geven and delt the day of my buriall to ev̄y person that will require the same ij^{d} And further I will that xx^{li} be geven by the discrecōn of my executo^{rs} to other poore folk̄ and namelie to the poore howsholders whare and in suche places as my executors shall thinke convenient wth convenient spede after my deathe and that they fayle not hereof as I trust them Also I geve xx^{s} and more yf nede shall require at the ov̄sight of my executo^{rs} to amend the waies and pavymēt̄ betwene Acton churche and George Baguley his howse where most nede shalbe w^{ch} monie I will be delyvered to some honest man that will se the same bestowed and he to have for his ov̄sight and paynes iij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I will and geve x^{li} towards the exhibicōn and findynge of Willm Daniell[1] at learninge at an Inne of Cowrt to be delyvered by my executo^{rs} as they shall thinke necessarie provyded that yf the said W^{m} Daniell be not mynded thereto or will not aplie his learnynge as he shuld do or els happen to dye before the said x^{li} be bestowed that then the residue of that said monie beynge behynd and not bestowed shalbe gevin amonges the young̃ children of Katarin Donne decessed then beynge unmaried at the

[1] Nephew of Thomas Wilbraham and third son of Thomas Daniel of Tabley Esq. He was afterwards knighted and became Judge of the Common Pleas. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 366.

discrecõn of my executo^{rs} or of the more part of them And besid$_{ꝙ}$ that I will xx^{li} be bestowed and geven amongꝙ the said doughters towardꝙ the marrage or p̄fermēt at the discrecõn of my said exec̄ and when they shall thinke conveniēt Itm I geve to my suster Lev̄sage sonne beynge prentice above x^{li} to be deliv̄d as my exec: shall thinke necessarie Also I geve to the widowe Wilbām Ric̄ mother xij^{s} iiij^{d} and suche monie as I have lent her at any tyme heretofore I forgyve hit her Also I geve to the widowe Flete ij^{s} iiij^{d} and to W^{m} Ralinson and Westbrek to eyther of them ij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I lent John Wilbrām of the Wyche vj^{s} viij^{d} I forgeve hym the same Itm I geve to Thom^{a}s Pollet xij^{d} and to Robyn Hemet xij^{d} Itm I geve to Agnes Swetnam suster to Elizabeth Kynsie xl^{s} Itm I geve to my godsonnes Raffe Betteley his sonne and Tho. Clutton's sonne to eyther of them vj^{s} viij^{d} and to Ric̄ Wyche sonne and Henrye Leceyto^{rs} sonne my godsonnes to eyther ij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I lent xx^{s} to my cosin W^{m} Clayton diverse yeres past I do geve the same to his sonne my godsonne Also where I lent to my cosin Laurence Woodnet x^{li} to be repayde in x yeres and have obligacõns for the same I will the same be forgevin hym towardꝙ the helpinge and fyndinge of his children Also I do forgyve Ric̄ Flete of Poole xx^{s} w^{ch} I lent hym Also Rafe Betteley oweth me about iiij^{or} markꝙ that I lent hym at sev̄all tymes I do forgeve hym the same Also where I have an indenture of Ric̄ Wilbram of two closes or pastures in Wordleston ther in the holdinge of Edward Mynshull for terme of xiij^{tene} yeares payenge to me yerely xx^{s} wherof as yet I have receyvid no rent my mynd and will is y^{t} the rent of the whole yeres shalbe forgyven hym willinge hym the rather to put his quaynes [*sic*] from hym and to lyve more vertuouslie Also I geve to his suster unmaried v markꝙ to helpe her to some mariage to be delyv̄d when my execu^{r} shall thinke mete Also I will and desire my brother to geve and pay yerelie duringe my brotherꝙ liefe to ev̄y of the said Ric̄ bretherne (W^{m} except) xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to helpe them wth yf they will leave their unthriftines

and gaumynge or els not Also where I have made a patent and graunt to John Wilbram of v^{li} of anuall rent by yere duringe his liefe I will and desire my brother he may have and enjoye the same accordinglie unles my brother preferre hym as well otherwyse Also I geve to my suster[1] Whitmore my suster Daniell my suster Levȳsage and my suster Dorithie to ev̄y of theym iij^{t} double duckett̄e for a remembrannce Also I geve to my cosin W^{m} Levȳsage and his wiefe to ether of them ij angell nobles Iẗm I geve to my cosin Isabell Bromley my cosin M^{g}aret Holford and to my cosin Heleyne Massie to ev̄y of them ij angell nobles Iẗm where James Halghton owithe me xx^{s} that I lent I forgyve hym the same Iẗm I geve to John Burton's wiefe xx^{s} Iẗm Humfreye Hussye owithe me an angell noble that I lent hym at tyme at vij^{s} vj^{d} I forgeve hym the same Also I paid no tithinḡe for kyne nor hay for suche ground as I occupie in Bunburie parishe I will iij^{s} iiij^{d} be gevin for my discharge therin Also where I lent to my suster Lyv̄sage x^{li} for the helpe and to the use (as she said) of W^{m} Wilbram I will the said x^{li} be forgevin to the said W^{m} and my suster to be discharged therof Also I geve to Alice my uncle Thom̄s bastard doughter now widowe dwellinge I suppose in Warmengh̄m parishe xx^{s} And where my brother Rob̄te Manwaringe owethe me xl^{s} w^{ch} I lent hym I do forgeve hym the same and in like man̄ I do forgeve my brother Henrye Manwaringe xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} that I lent hym Also I desire my brother that Julian the bruer (yf she use her selfe honestlie) may have xx^{s} yerelie duringe her liefe she doynge s^{r}vyce therfore for reasonable tyme for I dyd promyse so to her Iẗm James Roo oweth me xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} for a stere that he had of me long ago I do forgyve the same Also my mynd and will is that all my corne aswell wthin howse as wthout growing

[1] The sisters here mentioned are, Elizabeth, wife of John Whitmore of Thurstanston Esq.; Margaret Daniel, mother of the future Judge; Margery, wife of Ralph Leversage of Wheelock; and his sister-in-law Dorothy, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. and wife of his brother Richard Wilbraham.

and all my cattaile and howsehold goodd$ (heriatts bequest$ and harelomes excepted) shalbe equallie devided in thre part$ wherof my will is my wiefe shall have one pte and my brother Ric. an other pte and the thridd pte to be toward$ the pformannce of this my will and testamēt And forther my will is that my wiefe shall have xx^{li} in readie monie to bestowe at her pleasure in consideracō̄n that I have willed but the third pte of my corne cattaile and howsehold stuffe to her as is before menciō̄d w^{ch} I so did biecause the most of the said good$ were left to me by my father to thentent I shuld leave the same to my brother to remaine at this howse as by my said fathers will whose soull God pdon hit may appeare w^{ch} I wold on my behalfe shuld be performid as nere as I cold whereunto my wiefe pmysed me to be contented Howbeit in case she will not be so pleased but requyrethe to have the half of the said good$ then rather then stryfe or unkindnes should therbie growe I will she have the halfe of the same And for so much the said thrid pte appointed as above saide toward$ the pformannce of this my will is not sufficient to discharge and accomplishe the same And my mynd and will is that my sayd brother shall have all my dett$ that be owinge to me and also all my monie to thentent he shall se this my will throughlie pformed and the ov̄plus (yf any shalbe) to be by hym employed disposed and bestowed in dedes of charitie and otherwyse as he shall thinke necessarie and requisite I remytt the same fullie to his discrecō̄n and consciens willinge and requiringe hym to deley the doynge therof no longer then of necessitie shalbe requisite And I will my said brother shall have all suche pcell$ of plate for herelomes as were left to me by my father And forther he to have for harelomes as shalbe reasonable accordinge to the custome of the cunntrie And also I will he have all suche tack$ and fermes land$ as I have for terme of liefe or yeres And also I will he have all suche monie as I have laid downe for morgaged land$ when the same shalbe redemed Also I geve to M^{r}gerie the butle^{r} and to Die

Wirrall to eyther of them v m^{li}k^{s} and to all other my howsehold s^{r}vñnt^{s} at the tyme of my deathe xx^{s} besid^{s} ther wag^{s} lĩm I will that my brother Riĉ dailie waytinge s^{r}vannt^{s} shall have ev^{li}y of them x^{s} Also I will that S^{r} John Alman shall have yerelie duringe the space of vj yeres next after my deathe paid to hym by my exeĉ iiij^{li} to say masse and ^{li}ye spĉallie for my sowle my father and mothers sowles and all other my frend^{s} sowles and to serve at Acton churche duringe the said yeres in case the pishion^{li}s will finde a St. Marye ^{li}yste besides duringe the same tyme And yf they do not then the forsaid S^{r} John to be at my brothers appointmẽt where to s^{r}ve I toke a chalice into my hand^{s} at the rieffelinge of churches w^{ch} my mother deliv^{li}ed to s^{r}ve at o^{r} Ladie alter I will the same be deliv^{li}ed againe for S^{r} John to say masse wth Also I desire my brother to agre wth S^{r} John Bushell for other vj yeres to pray for the sowles above said at what place they two shall agre apon imediatlie after my death The most part of all suche dett^{s} as ar owinge me by way of lone ar written in a red pap boke beynge in the plo^{r} cupbord and other detts for wood cattaile and corne are written in the longe narowe boke of white pap I had in my kepinge dy^{li}se prcell^{s} of monie and gold of my suster Daniell and have deliv^{li}ed her the same againe when she sent monie to the m^{li}chñntt And some peces of gold of my suster Whitmores I have in kepinge My suster Daniell owith me that I have laid downe for her all thing^{s} beynge allowed and the booke cast by my brother xxvij^{o} die Julii añis iij et iiij^{to} reg^{s} et regine lxxxviij^{li} xvij^{s} ix^{d} I had xviij bushell^{s} of barlie of her not reconed for and for recompence therof and to have her to be good to her children above I am contented to have nothinge for her table and her dowhters they time the were wth me Also I nowe appoint and desire my brother Riĉ my wiefe my cosins Wiłłm Lyverseche and Tho. Clutton to be my executo^{rs} of this my will and testamẽt and do geve to either of my said cosins ij angell nobles Also I desire my cosin S^{r}

Ric̃ Egerton knight that hit will please hym to be ov̋seer of this my said will and I geve unto hym for a remembraunce iij angells Finis.

TESTAMENTUM THOME STARKIE DE STRETTON IN COM. CESTR. ARMIGERI.[1]

IN the name &c. The iiijth of Julie m v^{c} xlvij I Thom̃s Starkie of Stretton w^{t}in the cowntie of Chester esq̃er beynge in good mynd and in good and parfitt remembraunce laude and prayse be unto Almightie God make and ordeyne this my present testamēt conc̋ninge herein my last will in man̋ and forme followinge that is to say ffirst I comend my sowle unto Almightie God my maker and redeem^{r} and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Budworth wthin the chauncell there afore the hye alter where any of my auncesto^{rs} have bene buried afore Also I geve vj^{s} viij^{d} towardę the reparc̃ons of the churche Also I will that all suche dettę and duties as I owe of right or consciens to any pson or psons be well and trulie contented and paid by myne exec̃ hereafter named or els for so to be paid wthout contradicc̃on or againe sayeinge and all suche as shalbe bequethed by me the forsaid Thom̃s as hereafter ensuethe Also I geve &c. unto S^{r} W^{m} Hardware vicare of Budworthe in the name of my mortuarie x^{s} and where I am behynd wth the said vicare of any dutie or duties w^{ch} apperteyne unto hym other x^{s} desiringe hym to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto Ellen my dowhter two fetherbeddę and ij kye to be taken out of my goodę and cattaillę and to be deliv̋ed unto her at suche tyme as she shall

[1] No date of probate. He married Anne daughter of Sir John Booth of Barton Knt., by whom he left two sons and a daughter, Ellen, who married Richard son of Randle Spurstow of Spurstow Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 491, and vol. ii. p. 158. See his father's Will p. 19.

kepe howse Also I geve to Elizabeth Spurstowe my goddaughter one cowe and that to deliver to my brother Rondull Spurstowe that he may se that to go forwarde for her behalfe Also I geve my chamlet gowne and velvet jacket to make ij vestmēts to the chapell of Stretton to serve there Also hit is my will to have vj white gownes to vj pore men to bere torches that is to wytt to John Pickerin Rafe Hall Hughe Caldwall Randull Starkie Thom̄s More and John Bennet Crepill And after my buriall done I will iij of the said torches to be delivd to Budworth churche and the other iij to remaine at Stretton chapell agreynge w^th^ the vicare for them Also I will that my sonne Ric̄ shall have my lease of the tithes of Stretton from and after the feast of Saint Martin the Bushoppe next after my decease payenge unto my executo^rs^ iiij^li^ of usuall monie w^t^in xl^tie^ daies after it be reasonablie demaunded and also he to suffer my wiefe to have all the tithes of Moswoodd so longe as my said wiefe kepithe hospitalitie there w^thout^ any rent therfore payenge Also I geve to my said sonne Ric̄ my best gowne furred w^th^ skynes Also I bequethe to my cosin Ric̄ M^c^burie of Walton one of my two colte to be taken at his election at or on thiside Martenmas next after my decease Also I bequethe to my sonne Geffrey a doublet of velvet and my cloth gowne furred w^th^ blacke lambe Also I bequethe to my servūnt Robte Threlfall on twinter heffer and to Isabell Percivall my servūnt one calfe and to M^c^garet Colstenstoke my serv^nt on calfe The rest to my executo^rs^ whom I ordeyne my right trustie and derelie belovid Anne and Geffrey Starkie my younger sonne And I constitute and make my ovseers S^r^ Ric̄ Jerratt parson of Grapnall Ric̄ M^c^burie of Walton and Ric̄ Urmston Thes beynge witnes John Grymisdiche of Deynewall Ric̄ Starkie of Apulton John Grymisdiche of Grymisdiche S^r^ Peter Lachford chapleyne and others Also I bequethe to the chapell of Stretton ij kyne

Thomo^s^ Starkie esquier.

THE WILL OF JOHN DUTTON OF THE NEW MANOR.[1]

IN Dei noïe Amen The ixth daye of ffebruarie in the xxxiiijth of Henrie the eight &c. I John Dutton of the newe mano^{r} wholl in mynde &c. ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God and o^{r} Lady S^{t} Mary and beseche him that I may be ptaker wth him of y^{e} joyes that he bought for me and all mankynd wth hys ꝑciouse blode And my bodye and bones to be buryed in the chaunsell of Derresbury afore the Image of S^{t} Elyn there ffurther yt is my mynde and will y^{t} all suche thingꝭ as be undoone of my fathers wyll wherewth I was put in trust y^{e} same shalbe accomplysshed and doone wth my goodꝭ by myne executourꝭ Also I will that all my landꝭ goodꝭ and cattelles moveable and unmoveable shall contynewe styll together after my discesse unto suche tyme as my yongest bastard childe shalbe of the age of xvij yearꝭ and if my wyffe so longe keep her sole unmaryed after my discesse and y^{e} same to be imployed and go to theyre exhibicōn and most ꝑffyt duringe the same tyme And I to be brought home and my funerall expenses and legacies to be payd upon my whole goodꝭ And if my wiffe in y^{e} meane tyme be maried and be not contented to lyve so longe sole or if she withe this my will be not contented then it is my full mynd and wyll that my sayd goodꝭ and catelles shall equally be devyded in three ptes And one pte therof my wyffe to have and another pte my bastard sonnes and y^{e} thyrd pte my bastard doughters And if my wyffe nowe be wth child whether it be man child or woman chyld then I will that the same child have a porcōn of my goodꝭ like as my other bastard chyldrene have And the third parte of the ꝑffyttꝭ and revenewes of my landꝭ I will y^{t}

[1] No date of probate. An illegitimate son of Laurence Dutton of Dutton Esq. See his father's Will p. 22.

my wiffe have duringe her lyffe And after that the sayd seventene yeare be fully ended and fynysshed I will all my landę wthin the countie of Chester and the ffee of Halton shall go and remaine in man̄ and forme as herafter ensueth It is to witt yt if my wyffe be wth chyld wth a soñe then he to have the moitie or halffen deale therof and John Dutton my bastard soñe thother moitie or halffen-deale to theym and to ye heirę males of their bodies lawfullie begotten And if it chaunce ether of theym to discease wthout haire male then it ys my mynde and wyll yt whether of theym fortunes to survive thother shall have ye whole landę to him and to his hayrę male by his bodie lawfullie begotten And for default of suche yssue then yt is my will the same my landę shall go and remaine to Thomas my bastard sonne and to theire male of his bodie lawfully begotten and so to remaine from one bastard sonne to another as longe as I have any sonne Item I geve and bequethe towarde the makinge of a wyndowe upon the south syde of ye churche of Der-resburie if my name may be sett inthe same and the same syde be made wthin the space of xvij yearę next ensuynge the date herof xls Item I geve and bequethe xxxs for three trentalles of masses to be sayd for me to wyt one trentall to be sayd the daye that I am buryed if so many priestę can be gotten and if not then to be fylled out another daye and thother two trentalles to be sayd by Sr Hamnet Sonky Sr Wyllm Pikton and Sr Robt Sonky assone as they may convenientlie afterwardę And yt ev̄y of thafforesayd xvij yeares that vjs viijd be dysposed apon an obyte or mynyn-nynge[1] [*sic*] day thone halfe to be geven to poore folkę and thother to the pryestę and clarkę and for bread and drynke Also I geve &c. to Katherin Wyrrall xls and desyre her in the waye of charitie to forgeve me of suche offencę and trespacę as I have made to her

[1] Minnyng-day — the anniversary festival in which prayers were offered up for the souls of the deceased, A. S. See Halliwell in voce. "Minning" is still a common Lancashire word for *reminding*.

I geve &c. to Margaret Bikerton xx^{s} and to Ellen Kirkham other xx^{s} Item I will that at my buryenge vj white gownes be bought by my executo^{rs} and distributed to vj poore folk^{e} where they shall thinke most expedient and nedefull I ordeyne &c. John Dutton and Thomas Dutton my bastard sonnes my executo^{rs} and I desire my M^{r} S^{r} Peers Dutton my brother Thomas Dutton and Thomas Grymesdich and my wyffe to be ov̄seers of the same And if it fortune herafter that any of my afforesaid childrene chaunce to be marryed affore y^{e} afforesayd xvij year^{e} be expyred or be not contented to tarry together but will go and be ruled by him or her selfe then I will that the same child so goynge from thother shall have for his or her porc̄on viij m^{o}k^{e} And if any of my executour^{e} or ov̄seers of this my will take paines or be at charges for the p̄fermēt or fulfyllinge of this my will it is my mynde that they shalbe recompensed at the ov̄sight of the other ov̄seers Item I geve and bequethe to ev̄y of my godsonnes ij^{s} Item I geve &c. to John Bothe vj^{s} viij^{d} and to Laurence Bothe vj^{s} viij^{d} and to Rondull Onesworth vj^{s} viij^{d} Item it is my wyll that if it chaunce me to discesse at this tyme that this my wyll shalbe made up in due forme accordinge as it ought to be by thadvise of my brother Thomas and Thomas Grymisdyche and my exec̄uto^{rs} to have the kepinge therof These beinge wytnes S^{r} Thom̄s Fletcher vicar of Runcorn S^{r} Hamnet Sonky S^{r} Wyll̄m Pikton Rondull Onesworthe Thomas Dutton Thomas Grymysdyche Roger Massye of Acton John Henryson of Aunston Henry Duckworth and others And herunto I have put my seale the daye and yeare above sayd Item I geve &c. y^{e} resydue of the tack^{e} of my howse wherein I nowe dwell wth all land^{e} therunto belonginge to my wyffe as longe as she kepeth her sole unmaried toward^{e} ye kepinge of her and my bastard children and if she marie or decease then I will geve &c. the same to John my eldest bastard sonne and if he discesse then to the eldest of my bastard sonnes next him. John Dutton.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS WRIGHTINGTON ARMIGERI.[1]

Pbaț corā Maģro Jo. Hanson xv^to Decemƀ m° v^c lviij°.

IN the name &c. The xxiij^th of August m v^c lviij I John Wrightington w^thin the countie of Lanc̃ es̃qer sicke in bodie &c. ffirst I do comend my sowle into the handes of Almightie God trustinge throughe y^e m^ꝯcie and grace of God to have the fruicion of his blessed presence amonge all the saincts and angellꝭ in heavin and my bodie I do comitt to chrasten men his buriall in my parishe churche of Standishe nere the place where my wiefe was buried And as concerninge my goodꝺꝭ first I do geve to Alexander Wrightington my sonne in the name of his childꝭ part and for the discharge thereof xxvj^li xiij^s iiij^d and to ev̄ child of the said Alexander xx^s Item I do geve all my plate cuppes salt spones and other made of silv̄ or gold to Ric̃ my sonne and his heres to remaine as harelomes to hym and his said heres for ev̄ And I do geve to the said Ric̃ and his heres in like man̄ all iren chymleys w^th all brasse pewter beddinge and all other implemēts of howsehold Iẗm I do geve to Thom̄s Chyssnall my sonne in lawe two old ryallꝭ and one angell and to John Chisnall my god sonne xl^s and to ev̄y other of the said Thom̄s Chisnall children x^s Iẗm I do geve to John Wrightington sonne unto Arthure Wrightington my brother xl^s Also I do geve to the buildinge of my parishe churche of Standishe

[1] This family did not enter at any of the Visitations. Robert Dicconson of Eccleston married Ann, daughter of John Wrightington of Wrightington Esq., whose grandson Hugh Dicconson had Wrightington by gift of his uncle [great uncle?] Sir Edward Wrightington, Bencher of Gray's Inn, where he resided. — Wilson's *MSS.*, Shepherd's Library, Preston. The property has passed by descent to Charles Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. the present owner. For a notice of these families see the *Derby Household Books*, pp. 120, 163.

xl^{s} o$\bar{v}$ and besideϱ xx^{s} gevin to the said churche by my father decessed Iť̄m I do geve to Henrie White xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and to Ri$\check{c}$ and John his bretherne to either of them vj^{s} viij^{d} Iť̄m to e$\bar{v}$y servu$\tilde{n}$t man that I have o$\bar{v}$ and besideϱ his wages that he will reken apon his consciens vj^{s} viij^{d} w^{ch} be thes W^{m} Nightingale and W^{m} Haryson and to James Turner and Ri$\check{c}$ Rigbie to either of them iij^{s} iiij^{d} Item to M$\bar{r}$es Agnes Standishe and M$\bar{r}$es Isabell her sister to either of them xx^{s} Item it is my will that my stocke of sheepe shall remaine hollie to my executors to the entent they may wth the revenues and increase therof dispose yerelie amonge the poore people of Wrightington Heskin and Eccleston vj^{s} viij^{d} Iť̄m to e$\bar{v}$y godchild I have xij^{d} Iť̄m to M^{g}garet Denton o$\bar{v}$ her wages as she can reken xx^{s} Item to Isabell Cowlinge vj^{s} viij^{d}. Iť̄m to S^{r} Ri$\check{c}$ Modie[1] in the consideracō̄n of his paynes wth me vj^{s} viij^{d} Iť̄m to John Ro$\bar{b}$te and Tho$\bar{m}$s Hawett to e$\bar{v}$y of them vj^{s} viij^{d} To Ri$\check{c}$ Waringe iij^{s} iiij^{d} Iť̄m to Rob^{t} Cham$\bar{b}$layne the parishe clarke of Standishe for his paynes ij^{s} And the Residue of all my goodϱ dettϱ and legacies herin menc̄oed or hereafter to be declared and my fu$\bar{n}$all expenses fullie dischargid I do geve wholllie to Ri$\check{c}$ my said sonne to the bringinge up of his children And by this I do make and constitute Ri$\check{c}$ Wrightington my sonne and heire apparent and John Wrightington sonne to the said Ri$\check{c}$ to be my true and lawfull executors this my will and testament so to execute accordinge to the tenor theroff And so I do make supviso^{r} my assured M^{r} Edward Standishe esquier to whom for his paines takinge I do give two old riallϱ of gold And that this is my true will and testam$\bar{e}$t I have caused my curate to write hit wth his owne hand and I have sealed and signed hit wth myne owne hand

John Wrightington.

[1] For a notice of this Rector see Gastrell's *Not. Cestr.* vol. ii. part iii. p. 392, *Note.*

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI TORBOCKE DE TORBOCKE IN COM. LANC. ARMIGERI.[1]

IN the name &c. The xiiijth of May m v^{c} lvij I Willm Torbocke of Torbocke esquier hole in bodie &c. ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God and to o^{r} Ladie Saint Marie and all the hollie cumpanie of heavin and my bodie to be buried where hit shall please God to call for me out of this transitorie world onles if I die wthin x myles of Huyton parishe then my bodie to be buried under the tombe where S^{r} W^{m} Torbocke knight liethe in my own chapell The tombe to be set up againe apon my cost and charge imediatlie after the buriall ffirst I bequethe harelomes pte I found and more I do gyve for heirelomes to myne heires for ev^{r} ffirst I bequethe one chalis of silv^{r} pcell gilded I bequethe a silv^{r} salt vj spones also the best bason and ewer and also the best towall for the same also the best bordclothe wth vj napkins of the best for the table I bequethe all my harnes and all the bedcasis bothe cervin bedd^{e} and other plaine bedd^{e} with all the meate bord^{e} and formes therunto also all cupbord^{e} in the chambers and also the chaires I bequethe all standinge leades here and at the chapell hall for hit is my will that they shall kepe the same places Also I do geve all the yelinge combes wth ij gret saltinge tubbes in the larder house I do geve two gret spitt^{e} wth their rack^{e} for them Also I do bequethe the brinynge coumbe wth the gret pott in the kichin wth

[1] Not proved, the executors having renounced. William, son of Thomas Torbock of Torbock Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of William Moore [of Bank Hall], married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Gerard of Bryn, by whom he had issue two daughters, Frances and Margaret. His sisters Margaret and Alice were married, the former to William Ireland of Lydiate, and the latter to John Harrington of Huyton Esq.—*Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 100. The inquisition post mortem, taken 1 Elizabeth, states that his daughter Frances was a year and a half old, and Margaret only two months.

one halfe garnishe of pewter vessell Also I bequethe all the beddinge wch liethe in the chamber named my Lordꝙ chamb wth all the henginge in the same chamb Also I bequethe all the old arkꝙ and also ij gret arkꝙ standinge in the nursarie wth the chest that stands in my closet that my evidence are in I bequethe to my said heires my signet that I do weare apon my fynger and also the best paire of shodd whelis wth iron and also the best waine and thre of the best sidroppes one best hyde yoke wth ij best draught yokꝙ and also two of the best plowes wth ye irons that longꝙ to them and also two of the best harrowes wth iron pynnes and also a paire of weldꝙ wth iron Itm I bequethe iiijor of the best oxon and also my best mare and also a bull and iiijor of my best kie and also the best boore and the best sowe and also all the lomys for a webster to werke in Item I do bequethe the iron chymney that is used to stand in the hall and all the iron gere that belonges to the milnes This is my will that yf my wief nowe beynge wth child yf hit please God to be a sonne hit to have all thingꝙ afore written yf she have a doughter then I do make my brother Edward[1] myne heire and to have all suche heirelomes as is afore expressed yf hit fortune that I have an heire male of my bodie lawfullie begotten then I bequethe to my said brother Edward of my gyfte vli yerelie duringe his lief as I shall declare by my dede wth lyverseason Also I bequethe my said brother to have all suche goodꝙ and dettꝙ

[1] Edward Torbock married Dorothy, daughter of George Cotton of Combermere, and had issue Sir Edward Torbock Knt. who by his wife Margaret, daughter of Edward Norres of Speke, had a son Edward. — *Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 100. The Cotton pedigree (Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 212) states that she was the daughter of Richard Cotton. From the Act Book at Chester it appears that administration of the goods of Edward Torbock of Torbock Esq. was granted to Dorothy his widow 6th June 1608. Through this entry the pen has been drawn. On July 28th following administration of the above was granted to Edward Torbock Esq. son of Sir Edward Torbock Knt. and grandson of the above Edward. Edward Torbock Esq. and his two sons Adam and Richard, enrolled their names at the Guild held at Preston 2nd September 1622, which is the latest notice I have met with of this ancient family.

that I do owe hym I do geve hym my hope ringe of gold having two lr̃es in hit that is A T and W Item I bequethe hym my best somer nagge my sword saddle and bridell I bequethe to my doughter ffrauncis Torbocke thre hundreth m^{l}k^{s} to her marriage and to be taken and receyvid of my land^{s} to be made accordinge to the lawe yerlie to be receyvid by suche frend^{s} as I shall appoint and a chest to be made wth double band^{s} and lock^{s} at my cost^{s} and charg^{s} to kepe the same monie in unto suche tyme that she come to mariage I do bequethe her in consideracōn that she shall not have any pte of goodd^{s} that belong^{s} to me but that I may bequethe at my pleasure yet I bequethe my said doughter one fetherbed a matteras a boulster two pillowes a paire of flaxen sheetis two fledge blanket^{s} and a counter poynt Item I do bequethe my said doughter two kye and also xx^{tie} sheepe and one gret coffer also one brasse pot called the pore mannes pott I bequethe to my brother W^{m} Ireland a blacke gowne and cote and to my sister Ireland a blacke gowne and also iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Also I bequethe to Laurence Ireland my godchild iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} my said suster to put hit forthe for his most profett Item I bequethe to my brother John Harington a blacke gowne and cote and to my suster his wiefe a blacke gowne and iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} I bequethe to Percivall Harington my godchild xl^{s} in monie and to Anne Harington my god doughter iiij^{or} m^{l}k^{s} in monie to be put forthe for them at the sight of their mother Yf my wief have a doughter then it to have ij^{c} m^{l}k^{s} to her mariage to be taken up of my laund^{s} made accordinge to the lawe also I do geve her ij kye and one fetherbedd wth all hanging^{s} longinge to the same in and for consideracōn that hit shall not claime any child^{s} pte of goodd^{s} but that I may geve and dispose at my pleasure Item I bequethe to my suster Anne Torbocke a blacke gowne and two hundrethe m^{l}k^{s} to her mariage yf she do marie by the advyse of her frend^{s} to be taken of my land^{s} as shalbe made by dede according to the lawe Also I do geve her at suche tyme she

is married vj^{li} xij^{s} iiij^{d} to bie her appell Also I do geve to my suster Dorithie a blacke gowne and also two hundreth m^{r}k^{s} in consideracōn of suche stuffe that I have of hers Also I do geve her the best fetherbedd that was her owne a bolster two pillowes a matteras two blankets and a co^{r}ynge And also I do geve her xx^{tie} m^{r}k^{s} of monie to be taken out of my goodd^{s} to bie her apparell Also I do geve to myne uncle Ric̄ Torbocke lij^{s} iiij^{d} yerelie Itm I do geve my servūnt Ric̄ Torbocke xxvj^{s} viij^{d} yerelie Itm I do geve to S^{r} George Robinson preist a blacke gowne the same preist to have yerelie iiij^{li} to be taken of my land^{s} as muche as want^{s} of the hyre of the kie longinge to the stocke of this towne of Torbocke to be made sure accordinge to the lawe And he for the same to serve and say masse and other devine service that long^{s} for a preist to do to pray for the soull^{s} of my p̄decessor^{s} and me and all Christen soull^{s} duringe his naturall lief to serve at the chappell that stand^{s} apon Torbocke grene yf the said chappell be not builded up at the tyme of my deceasse then I will that the said chappell shalbe made up apon my cost^{s} and charge Also I do geve unto the said chappell on chalice of silver p̄cell gilt a vestment and all thing^{s} that longis to the same to be at the o^{r}sight of the lords of Torbocke Also I do geve to W^{m} Hayward my servūnt xij^{s} iiij^{d} yerelie except he be otherwais preferred by me Also I geve to Elizabeth Worsley my wiefes mayden a blacke gowne and iiij^{or} m^{r}k^{s} toward^{s} her mariage Also I do geve to all my yomen that nowe do me service c^{r}ye one a blacke cote and a hole yeres wage^{s} o^{r} and besides that I do owe to them at my decesse I do geve W^{m} Skellicorne for his service done to my father and me that he shall have imediatlie after the decesse of Nicholas Wyke the tenemēt w^{ch} the said Nicholas nowe dwell^{s} in I am content for Nicholas sake that John Wike shall have the tenemēt in Wooton w^{ch} W^{m} Skellicorne hath nowe at my hand^{s} althoughe he was offender Also I do geve to George Matherer Wilkinsons house yf he and the widoo be content to

marrie together payenge yerelie all suche rentꝭ and ꝺvyce as is accustomed yf in case the widowe will not marrie the said George then I will that Martinmas come twelfemonthe the tenemēt shalbe devided George to have the one halfe and she to have the other halfe duringe her widdowe hood to bringe up her children for he to do two ptꝭ and she but one yf she do marrie or decesse then the hole tenemēt Itm I do geve to James Moreton my coke to have after the decesse of uxr Robt Crokꝭ the tenemēt wch she nowe dwellꝭ apon payenge all rentꝭ &c. and to do service to me and myne heres the gevinge hym wagꝭ for his service Also I do geve John Hurst biecause he knowes no wagꝭ to have xls desiringe my wiefe and my brother Edward to be good to hym Also I do geve Roger Burges a blacke cote for his paine and iijs iiijd I do geve Thoms Orme of Wooton besidꝭ his cote xiijs iiijd Itm I geve myne uncle Sr Wm More priest a blacke gowne and xls Itm I do geve Sr Edward Lawe vicar of Huyton xls Itm I do geve unto Mgaret Ireland my servūnt and Elizabeth Ireland her suster to either of them vjli xiijs iiijd towardꝭ their marriagꝭ Itm I do geve to my worke servauntꝭ all suche as have done iij yeres service or upward shall have a hole yeres wagꝭ besidꝭ that I do owe them and the rest of my servūntꝭ to have a quarter wage besidꝭ that I do owe them and for the rest that I geve no wage unto I will that my executors shall loke apon them and to do for them as they shall thinke cause I do geve &c. to Elizabethe Dewerhouse xxvjs viijd Itm to Alice Mather xxs and to eꝟy on of the other xiijs iiijd I bequethe viij pore men eꝟy one of them a white gowne to suche as I shall appoint And vj blacke gownes to vj poore women as I shall declare hereafter or els to the poorest of myne owne tenentꝭ Also hit is my will that my bodie to be buried wthout pride not to geve no dole at the day of my buriall but to preistꝭ and clarkꝭ but the shall distribute hereafter wthin xiiij daies after my buriall xij mettꝭ of wheate what prce soeꝟ hit be at in bred one mett in Torbocke a

mett in Huyton a mett in Knowsley a mett in Prescot a mett in Whiston a mett in Crounton a met in Ditton a mett in Halewood a mett in Miche Wooton and Little Wooton two mettꝙ in Lyv̄pole Also I do ordene &c. my true and lawfull executorꝭ Kaẗ Torbocke my wief my cosin George Ireland esquier of the Hutt my uncle John More esquire myne uncle Sr Robt More and my brother Edward Torbocke Iẗm I bequethe to my cosin Ireland a blacke gowne a cote and my tercell of gowshake And also to myne uncle John More a blacke gowne and cote and a geldinge named Coll Also I do geve to myne uncle Sr Robt More a blacke gowne and a cote and a blacke geldinge with a white face and xxli over and besidꝙ that I do owe hym And forthermore hit is my will that all my landꝙ in Raineforthe shall go and be taken towardꝙ the payenge of my dettꝙ and pformaunce of this my last will except all suche landꝙ in Raynforthe as I have geven by dede of feofmēt In witnes herof to this my last will and testamēt I have set to my seale and subscribed my name the day and yere above written

Wiłłm Torbocke esquier.

Witnesses Sr Robt Moore ct Sr Wm Moore ct George Mader Elizabeth Worsley Wiłłm Heyward Wm Abbott wth others.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM DAVENPORT OF BRAMHALL ESQ.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen Primo die mensis Junii anno incarnac̃ois Dñi nr̃i Jesu Xt̃i millesimo quingenº quadragesº primo I Wiłłm Dampte of Bromall esquier sicke and feble in my bodie nev̄thelesse

[1] No date of probate. The testator married Blanche, daughter of Sir John Warburton [of Warburton and Arley] Knt. by whom he had, besides other children, Katherine the wife of Hugh Revell of the county of Derby, and Ellen the wife of Ralph Done of Flaxyards Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 401.

of good and pfecte mynde and remẽbraunce dredinge the uncertaine tyme of my naturall deathe make my testamẽt and laste will in man̄ and forme followinge ffirste I bequeth my soull to Almightie God and to o^r Lady St. Marie his blessed mother and to all the holie cumpanye of heaven And my bodie to be buryed in the chappell of o^r blessed Lady w^thin the churche of Stopforde apon the southe syde of the same chappell where my anncesto^rs be buryed Also I will that myne executors shall pay unto the ꝑson of Stopford for my mortuarie according to the acte of parliamẽt therof made concerninge mortuaries And I will that my sonne have his haire lomys accordinge to y^e custome of this countie of Chesshyre And I will that my funeralles debtꝭ restitucõns and all other thingꝭ ordinarye and reasonable be equally devyded in iij partes wherof one parte to remaine to Blanche my wiffe And the seconde to my children not maryed and the third to remain to myne executors to ꝑforme my legacies and bequestꝭ And I will that myne executo^rs cause an honest priest to celebrate masse and other devine service for the soulles of me my father my mother my aunceto^rs and all Christen soulles in the church of Stopford and chappell of Bromall by the space of one wholle yeare next after my deathe ffor convenient wagꝭ so to do Itẽ I will that myne executo^rs cause xxx^tie masses to be celebrat and doone [in] Stopford church incontinẽt after my deathe for my sowlle my fathers mothers annceto^rs and all Christen soulles and pay for ev̄y masse iiij^d Iẗm I geve toward the mayntenn̄ce of the service of our blessed Ladie in the churche of Stopforde xij^s iiij^d Iẗm I geve &c. to the reparacõn of the sayd churche xl^s Item I geve &c. toward the mayntenance of the service of St. Peter there xij^s iiij^d Iẗm I geve &c. to the churche of Chedull towardꝭ the buyldinge therof xij^s iiij^d Iẗm I geve &c. to my servauntꝭ Riĉ Dampte xx^s to Thomas Downs xx^s and Bartilmew Dampte xx^s And the residue of my goodꝭ and cattelles that remaine to myne executo^rs for my ꝑte I gyve and

bequeth to my son Wiłłm Damport to kepe my doughters Katherin and Ellen [with] meate drinke and clothis convenyentlie untyll the be maryed and he to have all their ꝑtes of my goodꝛ to theym belonginge Itē I geve &c. to John Dampte my sone a coate of fence a sallet and a payre of splentꝛ and a bill And to my sone Hummffrey Dampte a coate a sallett and a payre of splentꝛ and a bill And I will that my wief have ye thrid ꝑte of my landꝛ yt she is indowable in wthout any sute at the comen lawe wthin xxtie dayes next after my discesse And I will yt Robt Longley and my said wyef and Wiłłm my sone have ye govnance and orderinge of John Dampte and Howffrey Dampte untill they come to yearꝛ of discrecōn and receyve the annuyties goodꝛ and cattelles to theyr uses Also I geve &c. unto Katherin Dampte and Ellen Dampte my doughters all my ꝑcelles of land medowe pasture and wood in Bromall aforesaid called Shottiswall of the yerelie valewe of xxvjs viijd and ye barlie feld nye Snylbismore of the yearlie value of xxs untyll they shall have receyved of the same ꝑmysses after my deathe viij scoore powndꝛ toward their mariagꝛ after the rate of xiijli vjs viijd evye yeare that is to wytt to eyther of theym foure score powndꝛ and the same money to be put into the kepinge of my sayd executors to the use aforesaid so that there be a coffer remayninge in the howse of Bromall wth foure lockꝛ for the assurance and kepinge of the same money and evy one of the sayd executors to have a key of the same Also I wyll that Wyłłm Dampte my sone and hayre shall [have] ye occupacōn and usuage of suche landꝛ as I have geven to my sayd doughters payenge for the same to John Dampte and Wiłłm Newton as apyth in a certaine dede to theym made And that the sayd John and Wiłłm shall make a leace to the sayd Wiłłm Dampte of the same landꝛ duringe the sayd yearꝛ Provyded alwayes that if the said Katheryn and Ellyn or other of theym discesse or they be maryed then such ꝑte as belongeth to suche as shall discesse to remaine to my sone Wiłłm Dampte and his heirꝛ

ffurthermore knowe ye all men y^{t} I have made Thomas Downes myne atturney to entre into the p̃misses and deliv̄ possessyon therof to the sayd Katherin and Ellen accordinge to this my will And I constitute Rob̄t Longley esquier Wyll̄m Dampte my sone and heyre Thomas Aston esquier and Blanche my wyeff my true and lawfull executors &c. In witnes &c. These beinge witnes Rob̄t Longley esquier Rob̄t Huyde esquier John Dampte of Widford gen̄ Thomas Werburton of Castell Norwiche S^{r} Rauffe Hulme chaplen Rog: Massie Arnold Hunt and others Provyded alwayes y^{t} if the sayd Katherin and Ellen or other of theym misorder theym selffe and be not maryed by thadvice assent and consent of the sayd Rob̄t Longley Blanche my wyffe and Will̄m my sonne or two of theym that then this graunt of viij score pound^{s} to theym made to be voyde to theym or to other of theym y^{t} so dothe marrie or mysordre theym selffe.

The inventorie of y^{e} good^{s} and cattels of Will̄m Dampte esquire decessed p^{r}s by Laurence Bothe Arnall Hunt Geo..... and Roger Danell xv die Novembr̄ a^{o} r. r^{s} H. viij xxxiij^{o}

Imp^{r}mis xij fate oxen and iij fate kye x^{li} — xxx draught oxen xx^{li} — xxj stirks vj^{li} vj^{s} — iij thrin̄ bullok^{s} and xxxiij twin̄ xij^{li} — xxiiij wenyng calfes iij^{li} — xxxiij melch kye xj^{li} x^{s} — in corne by est̄ xl^{li} — in wull x^{li} — weders shepe now in Derrebyshire xj scoore and viij — of ewes in Darrebeshire xiij scoore and vij — in lamb^{s} in Darbishere fyve scoore xvj — in rames v — in weders now at Bromhall vj — in ewes at Bromhall iij — in rames at Bromhall iij — borres at Bromhall vj — in bife swine hoges and sowes xx^{v} — in shotte swine xx^{v}

Itm̄ in y^{e} whit chamber a feth̄ bed a mattres and tow fustian blankets a wollen blanket a covlet a conn̄poynt a bolster on ye whele bedd a feth̄ bed ij wollen blanket^{s} a covlet a covenge of grene say a bols̄ In the cloke chamber ij feth̄ bed^{s} ij mattresses

viij blankettꝭ of wollen viij coꝟlettes iiij bolsters iiij pillowes ij conꝑpointꝭ ij bed coꝟyngꝭ say In yᵉ bruhouse a mattres ij coꝟlettꝭ In yᵉ chapell chamber ij mattresses iij blankettꝭ wollen ij coꝟlettꝭ In the plore chamber a fethꝰ bed iiij mattresses iij coꝟlettꝭ v wollen blanketꝭ ij bolsters ij pillowes In yᵉ yate house chamber a fethꝰ bed ij mattresses iiij blankettꝭ iiij coꝟlettꝭ a coꝟeng a grene say ij bolsters ij pillowes Sir Willm chamber a [*sic*] mattresses and blanketꝭ ij coꝟletꝭ The yomans chamber ij mattresses ij blanketꝭ iiij coꝟletꝭ a bolsꝰ In yᵉ stable chamber ij mattresses iiij coꝟletꝭ ij blanketꝭ In yᵉ chamber oꝟ yᵉ buttery ij fethꝰ beds iiij mattresses vij blanketꝭ a quilt ij coꝟletꝭ iiij bolsters iij pillowes a conꝑpoynt ij coꝟeng a grene say In yᵉ ferthꝰ chamber ij mattresses iij coꝟletꝭ a quilt ij bolsters a coꝟeng of old red say In yᵉ stoure house iiij mattresses ij coꝟlettꝭ viij blanketꝭ iij conꝑpontꝭ iij bolsters vj quyshons unlined newest in cheses six score and v xxiij payre of flaxen shetꝭ and a shete A xj payre of teir of hempen shetꝭ xiiij payre of canvis shetꝭ xiiij new diabor napkyns iiij flaxen bord clothes six borde clothes of flaxen fyve othꝰ bord clothes for yᵉ hall xij canvas bord clothes vij othꝰ towels moꝛ of Iryshe yorne xiij othꝰ round towels xvj fyne pillowes beres a pece of flaxen clothe uncut ij drabs of teir of hempe a drab of new canvis an othꝰ drab of new canvis In the hall seyven carpet quischōn In yᵉ skreene a greit voider of pewꝑ ij bassens ij ewers of pewꝑ a masselen bassen vj old carpet quishens iiij grene quishens In yᵉ chapell iij old ewlow quishens ij andirons In yᵉ kechen ij great pottꝭ iiij oder brase pottꝭ a possenet ij fysch pannes ij fryeng pañes a dreping pane fyve iron broches ij iron galbartꝭ ij brendrettꝭ a garnishe of London pewter vessell xvij brod dishes xij pottēgers xij salsers xv trankettꝭ iij potthookꝭ a brasen morꝑ and pestell ij chafing dishes a caldron an andiron ij barres for yᵉ same a gridiron In yᵉ daye house ij mylke leadꝭ a mylke pane of brasse a pewꝑ bole a pewꝑ dishe ij skellettꝭ v pootꝭ of butꝑ and a bawke of butꝑ In yᵉ bruhouse a greite furnes of

lead a lesse furnes ij brasse panes a lesse and a more In y^e^ bake-house iij wort lead^ꝙ^ In y^e^ barkhouse fyve dikar and a half tanned In y^e^ butterie xvij sil^ꝰ^ spones a sil^ꝰ^ salt w^t^ a co^ꝰ^ xviij chandlers In y^e^ pantrie a coffre and a half of tallow candels redie made In y^e^ wullhouse a pyle of wole cōteynyng threscore stone and ten iiij stone and a half in ij grete wyscett^ꝙ^ of wolle in another wisket xxx pond of sponnen fyne wollen yorne in another wisket xx^ti^ pound of spennen yorne Spennen yorne at y^e^ webs^ꝑ^ in one pece xxx pounds anoth^ꝰ^ pece at y^e^ webster xxiiij pound In anoth^ꝰ^ store house xxv teir of hempe slipping^ꝙ^ xxij canvis slipping^ꝙ^ x flaxen slipping^ꝙ^ In hole cakes of rendred tallow and iij quarters of a cake and oder tallowe unmelted by estimacion &c. &c. [No amount given.]

THE WILL OF LAWRENCE ASSHAWE OF SHAW ESQUIRE.[1]

IN the name &c. The fourthe daye of Julye m iiiij^c^ lviij I Lawrence Asshawe of y^e^ Shawe in y^e^ pishe of Flixton in y^e^ cōntie of Lancas^ꝑ^ esquire do bie these ꝑsent^ꝙ^ &c. Furst I com̄end my soule unto Almyghtie [God] my creature and makyng moste humble &c. I comend my bodie to cristen sepulcure w^th^in y^e^ pishe church of Flixton afore and I will y^t^ xx^ti^ mark^ꝙ^ of my good^ꝙ^ shalbe bestowed and geven by myne executors toward^ꝙ^ y^e^ byeng of belles to y^e^ sayd pishe church of Flixton and makyng of a ꝓclosse or trav^ꝰ^se of tymber ov^ꝰ^thaward y^e^ sayd pishe church requiryng y^e^ pishe preist and pishenars there to praye for my soule and all y^e^

[1] No date of probate. He was a younger son of Lawrence Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill, and married Jane, daughter and heiress of John Valentyne of Shaw in the parish of Flixton. She died before her husband, and, having no issue, gave her lands to her husband, who left them to his nephew Leonard, a younger son of his brother Roger Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill. — *Harl. MSS.* 1987, fo. 2 and 5.

sowles of Elyn late ye wiff of Sir John Bouthe knyght and of Sir Hughe Hope clarke Iťm I geve &c. ye some of x markꝙ to ye suche byeng of ornamēttꝙ and of other necessaries for ye pishe church of Standishe as shalbe thought moste requisite and convenient by Edward Standishe esquire and my cosyne Thom̄s Ashawe by thꝰ discresions Iťm I will yt myne executors shall dispose and aftꝰ there discresions the sume of xls among the porest of ye townes of Flixton and Urmeston and other xls among the porest of Barton Ekles and Irlehm Iťm I geve &c. xxs towardꝙ ye pavyng of the highe waye in Flixton betwene ye tithe barne and ye church so that ye inhitmēts of Flixton do bryng unto ye grond as well stone and sand sufficient to make ye pam̄ent thꝰ as also to fynd a laboror to serve ye paver whiles he shalbe at ye paving yrof Iťm I bequethe ye some of v marks towardꝙ ye paving of any horse causey from ye towne of Leighe unto ye Sawt Buttꝙ in Bedford if it be not pavid in my life time Iťm I bequethe unto my nephew Antony Ashawe tenne markꝙ Itm I bequethe to my nephew Leonard Ashaw tenne markꝙ and a fethꝰ bed a mattresse a bolstꝰ a pillow ij blankettes ij kyne Iťm I geve &c. to George Pilkyngton sone and heire of Rič Pilkington[1] tenne markꝙ Iťm unto Leonard Pilkington[2] brothꝰ of ye sayd George tenne markꝙ Iťm to Francis Pilkyngton brothꝰ to ye sayd George tenne markꝙ and to Janne Pilkyngton sistꝰ to ye sayd Leonard and Francis fyve markꝙ Iťm I geve &c. to John Shawe and Katherin his wiff doughtꝰ to ye sayd Rič Pilkyngton and to yꝰ children ye some of xli to be dividid among them Iťm I geve &c. John Crosse Alis his wiff and yꝰ children ye som̄e of

[1] Richard Pilkington of Rivington Esq. married Alice, sister of the testator. Besides his children here mentioned he had two sons, James and John, who were then exiles for religion. James Pilkington afterwards became Bishop of Durham, and founded and endowed the Grammar School at Rivington. He gave his brother John Pilkington a stall in Durham Cathedral, and afterwards made him Archdeacon of Durham. — Strype's *Annals*, vol. i. p. 371.

[2] The future Master of St. John's, Cambridge, Rector of Whitburne and Prebendary of Durham. — Surtees' *History of Durham*, vol. i. p. lxxix.

twentie poundꝭ to be devidid among thē Iẗm I bequethe to John Adlington sone and heire of Hughe A. fyve markꝭ and unto Roger A. and Thomas A. yongꝰ brethren of ye sayd John A. xli betwene them Iẗm I geve &c. to Lawrence Ashawe and Robert A. soñes of Wiłłm A. of Heathe Charnoke and to Jane doughꝰ of ye sayd Wiłłm tenne markꝭ to be devidid equally among them Iẗm I will yt evy tenñte wch I have inhabiting in Flixton shall have evy of them vjs viijd apece Iẗm I geve &c. to Geffrey Darbyshire my servñte xls Iẗm I will yt evy of my servantꝭ shall have as well yong as old wch shall be inhabityng wth me in my house at ye tyme of my deathe shall evy of them have xls apice of my gifte and legacie ov and besidꝭ such wagis wch I shall happen them to owe unto ym sevally Iẗm I geve &c. to George Lathome of Irlehm genr tenn markꝭ and to Elisabethe some tyme his wiff of [*sic*] Lathome of Mosbarrowe tenne markꝭ Iẗm to Wiłłm Chorley genr ffyve markꝭ Iẗm where as ye sayd John Grymsdiche genr dothe owe unto me ye some of fortie markꝭ I ye sayd Larance do geve unto ye same John twentie markꝭ psell yof and will he shall retayne ye sayd xx markꝭ so to hyme bequethed in his handꝭ in satisfacion of this my legacie to hym geven and shall be clerly acquited for ev of and for ye paymēt yof and I will yt myne executors wthin as short tyme as convenyently ye cane afꝰ my deceasse shall deliv unto Sr Ričd Mullinex knyght Sr John Atharton knyght Gilbard Jarrad esquire John Grymsdyche genr and Sr Nicolas Warbarton chapleyn my feoffes or the survivores of them the some of xxli to be disposed among ye pore accordyng to ye tenor and intent of a certayne writtyng made by me ye sayd Laurence and beryng date ye first daye of Julie in ye fourthe and fifte yeres of or sovaigne lord and ladie ye kyng and ye quene and yt my sayd feoffes shall repaye unto my sayd executors the sayd some of xxvli [*sic*] in forme specified in ye sd writtyng indentid &c. I orden &c. Edward Standishe of Standishe esquire John Grymsdiche of Grymsdiche John Mullinex

of Melling gen̄ts George Birom sone of Adam Birom of Salford my executors &c. And I orden and make ye right worshipfull Sir Wiłłm Ratliffe knyght and Robart Barton esquire supvisors &c. In witnes whereof &c. [No witnesses named.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ROBERT BECKE OF MANCHESTER, DRAPER.[1]

Dated the 17th of December 1556.

I Geve &c. to ye pore people vjli xiijs iiijd and ye same to be devided and bestowed apon ye pore people by my executrix and executor as ye shall thinke nedfull for ye sowle Ităm to my lovinge brother in lawe Riĉ Hunt my best gowne my damaske cotte and my crosse bowe Ităm to my brother in lawe Henrie Byrom my best clocke tow bowes and all and ev̄y my arrowes Ităm to my sister Elsabeth Hunt xiijs iiijd Also to my sister Mary Byrom xiijs iiijd Also to my sister Cicylie Becke xiijs iiijd Also to my sister Anne Becke xiijs iiijd And to my lovyng frend and kynsman Georg Byrch my second gowne Ităm towardę ye amendyng of ye high wayes about ye towne of Manchester where myne executors shall thinke most nedfull xls Ităm to ye cun̄dite in ye M9ket strete at Manchester xls Ităm to Wiłłm Radcliff gen̄t my bet̄ gardet coote Ităm to Mr Massie my fath9 in lawe my white nagge Ităm to my sone Thomas one ring wch my moth9 did geve me Ităm to Jane my wiff [such] rings as she hath in hir keping To Thom̄s Birch m̄y otter scynne cote Ităm to ye chappell of Garstang towardę the biynge or makynge of a challis there xvjs viijd.

[1] No date of probate.

THE WILL OF RICHARD WILBRAHAM OF WOODHEY ESQUIRE.[1]

IN the name of Almightie God Amen The xxvth daye off July 1558 I Richard Wilbrah'm of Wodhey in the countie of Ches^{r} esquire callyng to remẽbrane this frayle shorte and transitory liff and consideryng y^{e} tyme of death unc^{r}tayne and to no mortall man knowen beyng at this ^{r}sent tyme in good and pfette memory thank^{e} be to Almightie God do make this my last will &c. First and p^{r}ncipally I bequeth and com̃yte my sowle to Almightie God my Creature and Savior besechyng y^{e} blessed Virgin o^{r} Ladie Saynte Mary and all y^{e} holie company [of] saynt^{e} in heaven to pray unto Almightie God y^{t} it will plese hym the rather thrughe y^{r} intercession y^{t} my soule may come and be in heaven amongest y^{e} blessed company y^{r} and my vile and wretched bodie to be buried wthin y^{e} church of Acton nere my fathers buryall and to have a marble stone layd ov^{r} me to thentent y^{t} all well disposed people lokyng y^{r}on may y^{e} rather y^{r}by have occasion to pray for my sowle Also I geve &c. to y^{e} church wardens of y^{e} pishe church of Acton toward y^{e} repracions of y^{e} same church and to be prayed for xl^{s} and one canape for y^{e} sacramẽt ov^{r} y^{e} alter to be hanged in Also y^{t} xxiiij gownes be geven that is to wite xij y^{r}of to xij poore men and y^{e} other xij to twelve poore women y^{e} daye of my buryall to pray for my soule Also I geve &c. amongst the poore householders and others most nedie in y^{e} pishes of Acton Wrenbury Namptwiche Bunbury and Malpas in ev^{r}y of y^{e} sayd pishes xl^{s} to be distributed

[1] No date of probate. The testator married Dorothy, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. He was Master of the Jewel House and of the Revels to Queen Mary, and in the three first years of her reign represented the county of Chester in parliament. — Ormerod, vol. iii. pp. 198, 199. See his brother's will, p. 58.

aforesayd as shortly after my deathe as conveniently may be in avoyding of any great dole of money at my buriall Also I geve &c. in like mañ amongest ye pore people in ye pishes of Wibunburie Copenhall Wistaston Oꝝ Mꝑburie and Herthill to eꝝy of ye sayd pishes xxs I geve &c. towardꝙ ye mariages of pore maydens ye full some of xxti pounds for yt entent yt ye shall receive ye same and maye the rather yꝑby come to helpe and leve in ꝝtue and honestie and pray for ye soules of my fathꝑ and mothꝑ my soule and all x̃ten soules and my will is yt non of ye sayd maydꝙ other then suche as be of my kyne shall have above xxs apece. [He then recites a deed dated the xix of September last, by which he had conveyed to Richard Egerton of Ridley, Knt., Alen Chorleton, clerk, Richard Gravenor and Thomas Clutton, lands in Edge with the tithe corn in the parishes of Acton and Wibunburie and the patronage and vicarage of Acton, for ye use of himself during his life, and after his death to his son Thomas W. and to his heirs for ever, upon condition that] ye sayd Thom‟s Wilbrah‟m and his heres aforesayd do and shall yerely for eꝝ pay unto ye vicar of Acton and his successors sixe pounds thrittene shillyngs iiijd at the vicorage aforesayed for and to yt entent only yt ye sayd Vicar and his successors for ye tyme beyng for eꝝ by thadvice of my sayd sonne and of his heires lordꝙ of ye sayd house of Wodhey and ye wardens of ye sayd church for ye tyme beyng shall give and distribute ye same quarterly amongest ye pore house holders dwellyng wthin ye sayd pishe of Acton, desiryng ye same pore folkes to praye for ye soules of my fathꝑ my mothꝑ my soule my wiff children brethren and sisters sowles and all x̃ten soules As also othꝑ six pounds thritten shillings and iiij pense yerely for eꝝ to such honest prest to be appynted hereafꝑ to praye for ye soules aforesayd at ye sayd church of Acton in or Ladie chancell And my will is yt ye sayd ꝑste shall for ever teache schole and bryng upe ye children and youthe of ye sayd pishe suche as will come unto hym wthout any

thyng y^{e}fore takyng and he and his scolers ev̄y daye at y^{e} breakyng upe of scole to saye De Profundis a Pat̄ Nost̄ and an Ave Maria for y^{e} soules aforesayd and ev̄y yere y^{e} sayd prest y^{e} xvij daye of August to say masse of requiem and his scollers dirge for my fath̄ and mothers soules y^{e} soules of y^{e} others before named and all x̄ten soules Item I geve &c. all my leases &c. of Dernall and Shotwicke to myne ex̄ors for y^{e} terme of sixe yeres y^{t} y^{e} my sayd ex̄ors shall paye all my debts &c. and furth̄ to paye yerelie to Will̄m Danyell gent̄ my sisters son̄e xiij^{l} vj^{s} viij^{d} and to Thom̄s Wilbrah̄m gent̄ son̄e of Rauff Wilbrah̄m decessed xl^{s} towardꝭ y^{e} fyndyng and kepinge them to y^{r} lernyng at ane Inne of Cowrt To Richard Liv̄sage my sisters son̄e iij^{l} vj^{s} viij^{d} onlesse in y^{e} mene tyme he be p̄ferred to some livinge of xx markꝭ by yere Also I geve &c. to my s̄vantꝭ Will̄m Gilford and John Capper to eth̄ of them xl^{s} yerely and to John Flete and Rondull Flete to eth̄ of th̄e xx^{s} and to John Wilbrah̄m my uncles son̄e yerely iiij^{s} iiij^{d} It̄ I geve &c. to ev̄y of my [*sic*] doughters of my sist̄ Danyellꝭ and of my sist̄ Lyv̄sage one garnishe of pewt̄ vessells To ev̄y one of y^{e} yonḡ sones of my sayd sisters y^{e} foresayd Will̄m Danyell and Ric̄ Liv̄sage onely excepted xl^{s} apece Also I geve &c. amongest y^{e} doughters of my nephew Ric̄ Done decessed towardꝭ y^{e} marrage xx^{li} To Elisabeth Orton xl^{s} To Ric̄ Wilbrah̄ms mother of Bryndeley xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To Ric̄ Gleggs wife vj^{s} viij^{d} To Rondull Wilbrah̄m sone my godsone x^{s} To the son̄es of Rauff Betteley and Thom̄s Penkꝭ my godsonnes to eth̄ of them vj^{s} viij^{d} To Ric̄ Clutton sonne of Thom̄s Clutton my godsone x^{s} To ev̄y of my servñnts w^{ch} late were my brothers servñntꝭ and now dwellyng at this house of Wodhey iij^{s} iiij^{d} My will is y^{t} James Hancky my servñnt shalbe kep of Shotwike pke duryng his [life] and to have for his wagis xl^{s} by yere grass for vj kye iiij yong bests and a nage yerely he using himself to them whom by this my testamēt shall have y^{e} lease of Shottwicke like as ane honest servñnt be put in such trust ought to do Where James Roo was

surtie unto me for Rauff Knight for paymēt of iiij^{li} I do forgeve y^{e} same dette to y^{e} same James Ifm I geve &c. to Elisabeth Wilbrafm my base doughtr threscore pound^{s} toward^{s} hir mariage and if she do not mary Hughe Bromley then my will is y^{t} she shall have o^{r} and besid^{s} y^{e} sayd lx^{li} all such money as I payed to Wiłłm Bromley y^{e} fath^{r} of y^{e} sayd Hughe in likewise toward^{s} hir mariage w^{ch} I think is xxxiiij^{li} To M^{r}garet wife of Wiłłm Alen of Bryndeley xx^{ti} mark^{s} and also all such money as y^{e} sayd Wiłłm oweth unto me Ifm I geve &c. to Ric̄ Flete my ^{r}vānte xxvj^{s} viij^{d} by yere And further I geve to Dorithie my wiff my best bed wth appr^{t}tenn^{c}s y^{r}to belonging my better hanginges at her choyse y^{e} half of all suche napery ware as I have y^{e} half of all such kechine stuff and pew^{r} vessell as I have one chayne of gold beyng in hir kepyng and by me before to her geven a ring of gold wth a turques and a ryng of gold w^{t} a diamond y^{e} whitte silv spones w^{ch} my fath^{r} in lawe by his testamēt gave unto me also one fayre jugge of stone garnyshed wth silv and gilte Ifm I geve to y^{e} forsayd Thom̄s Wilbrahm̄ my sone y^{e} rest of all my houshould stuff and plate my chayne of gold a horne garnyshed wth silv and gilte a longe wood knyfe guilte somtyme Kynge Henrys theighte and also my fayre andirons w^{ch} my mynd and will is shall remene as heire lomes at y^{e} house of Woodhey Also I geve &c. to my sist^{r} Whitmore a ring of gold wth letters one y^{e} outside enamyled a broche of gold of themprors face and one of my coolt^{s} or nagg^{s} To my sist^{r} Danyell a ring of gold w^{t} an amitiste To my sist^{r} Livsage a ring of gold w^{t} a broken ribie To my sist^{r} in law M^{r}garet Wilbraham a round hope ringe of gold graven wth luken and to my cosen Thom̄s Danyell one new crosbowe and y^{e} racke y^{r}of To my cosen Wiłłm Livsage one of my gownes of silke and ane old long bowe To my cosen Rauffe Done one of my gownes of silke To my cosen John Done's soñe [some] of myne apprell at the discrecion of myne executors Ifm I geve to my cosen Henry Manwaring one of my younge mares or filies now beyng in Nor-

folke To Robarte Cotton my old ꝟvnnt somme younger colte or gelding To my cosen Hill my wood knyffe at ye courte and one of ye best of my geldinge To my cosen ꝑson of Stocke my casket at ye courte To evy of my owne servñts in wagis there yeres wagis and some of my coltꝭ or nagges at ye discrecion of my executors Itm I geve &c. to my cosen Willm Livsage and to my cosen Thomas Clutton to eth of them vjli xiijs iiijd if ye will take some paynes in ye trust I put yem in Itm I geve &c. to Alis Egarton my wiffes mayd towards her mariage liijs iiijd Itm I geve &c. to John Graven and Anthony Graven my wiffes brethren to eth of them one of my silke gownes Itm I make Dorithie Wilbraham my wiff my sist Ellisabeth Whitmore widowe my cosen Willm Livsage and my cosen Thoms Clutton myne executors In witnes hereof &c. Richard Wilbraham Item I geve &c. to Sur Willm Cordell knyght mast of ye roles and to my ladie his wiff to eth of yem iiij angels to make to eth of them one gold ring where apon to be graven a dead man's head wth this posie about ye head — Disce mori — and my name about ye same ringe for remembrance and further I do appoynte my lovyng cosen Sr Rondull Hill to be ovseer of this my ꝑsent testamēt &c.

Richard Wilbraham.

Itm where I have purchased to me and my heres ye vicorag of Sandebache and all ye tiethes oblacions &c. to ye vicorage belongyng together wt ye nomynacion ꝑsentacion and donacion of ye same vicorage I do acknowledge yt I bought ye same vicorage tiethes &c. to ye use of my nephew Willm Livsage and payd wt ye same wth xxli of his wch of him I receved for ye same ꝑpose as I remēber I saved hym of ye sayd xxli vli In consideraciō whereof I geve &c. ye sayd vicorage of Sandbache and all ye tiethes &c. to ye sayd Willm Livsage and to ye heires of his bodie lawfully begotten and for defaulte &c. I will geve &c. ye remander yof to ye heires of ye bodie of Rauff Livsage esquire decessed fath of ye said Willm lawfully begotten

and for defaulte &c. I will &c. ye remander yof to Thomas Wilbrahm my sone and heire apparant and to his heires and assignes for ever &c. It I will furthe yt myne executrs repaye to hym ye said some of vli which I saved unto hime as beforesayd Rondull Treves Thomas Clutton Wiłłm Gilford John Capper.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM THOMSON, RECTOR OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.[1]

IN the name &c. The second daye of September in the yere of or Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth fyftie and three and in the fyrst yere of ye raygne of or sovagne ladie Marie &c. I Wilim Thomson clarke and pson of ye churche of Asheton undo Line of gud and pfecte remembrance but dreadyng ye unctene houre of death make my last will and testamēt as hereaft followyng ffyrst I offer my soule to Almightie God beyng in pfect hope and fully trustyng by the merytes of Christis passion to be one of the electe at the daye of judgmēt Also I will my bodie to be buried in the church of Aston in the highe chancell streghte affore ye myddest of the highe alt and I geve to ye mendyng of the same church and to the mendyng of thinges nedfull yoin iijl vjs viijd to be delived by my executes to the churche wardens at such tyme as the churche wardens ned and will occupie the same money and also I geve to ye mendyng of ye highe waye betwyxte Ashton and Manchest xxs I geve to be distributed and devided amonges the pore people of

[1] On the 2nd of October 1535 William Thomson was presented to the Rectory of Ashton-under-Lyne, on the death of Edward Molyneux the last Rector, by Alexander Radclyffe and Richard Assheton knights, and Thurstan Tyldesley Esq. with the consent of Elizabeth Assheton widow. — From the Registers at Lichfield. His successor William Rogerson was instituted 11th August 1554 on the presentation (pro hâc vice) of Thomas Stanley Knt., son of Edward Earl of Derby. — Registers at Chester.

ye pishe of Ashton und^{r} line v^{li} and it to be devided and delte in wollen or linen clothe or els money to ye pore folkꝭ only by my executꝭ I geve to ye mendynge of the highe waye betwixe Asshton and Staveley bridge x^{s} I geve to James my broth^{r} a riall of gold for a remẽbrance and a feth^{r} bed a mattres ij cov^{r}letꝭ ij blankettꝭ a bols^{t} ij payre of shetꝭ ij pillowes and a cov^{r}yng of imagerie and ane oth^{r} of red saye wth ye curtens bedd and bedseller w^{ch} bedde and thes thyngꝭ aforresayd lie and are in ye highe grete chamber wherein I lie my self and also my con^{t} bourd in ye haule wth a grete coffer in ye litill plore and also foure silv^{r} spones also a blake jacket of blacke clothe ye daye of buriall To my sis^{t} in law his wife a blacke gowne wth an angell of gold and to ev^{r}y child y^{t} my said broth^{r} James hathe vj^{s} viij^{d} To Lawrence my broth^{r} a riall of gold and a ffeth^{r} bedde lyeng in ye great plore a mattresse ij cov^{r}letꝭ ij blanketꝭ a bols^{t} ij payre of shetꝭ ij pillowes a cov^{r}yng of red saye wth ye courtens and hangings bedstockꝭ and bedseller of ye same and also my con^{t} board in ye great plore wth ye cubp bourd in ye sayd plore and ye best coffer in ye highe grete chamber and also iiij silv^{r} spones and a blacke jacket of fyne clothe ye daye of my buriall To my sis^{t} in law his wife a blacke gowne with an angele of gold and to ev^{r}y child y^{t} my broth^{r} Laurence hathe vj^{s} viij^{d} To Riĉ Thomson my broth^{r} a riall of gold and also a feth^{r} bedd lyeng in ye litle plore a mattres a bols^{t} ij cov^{r}lettꝭ ij blanketꝭ ij payre of shetꝭ ij pillows also my cov^{r}yng of lynne and wollen yorn chekket w^{ch} I bought last also ye bedstockꝭ bedsellerꝭ and hangyngs of the same bedd in ye litell plore and also my cuppbourd in ye highe grete chamber and my coffer in ye same chamber wherein I use to laye in my shetꝭ for my owne bedde and foure silv^{r} spones and also a blak jacket of fyne clothe ye daye of my buriall and to my sis^{t} his wife a blak gowne wth an angell of gold and to ev^{r}y child y^{t} my sayd broth^{r} hathe vj^{s} viij^{d} To my sis^{t} Genet xl^{s} and a black gowne and to my brother in law her husband

a blak jacket and a riall of gold To my sis^{r} Katherin y^{e} wyf of Peter Standishe xx^{s} and my litill feth^{r} bedd in y^{e} closite a matrese ij co^{r}let^{z} ij blanket^{z} ij payre of shet^{z} a bols^{r} ij pillowes a co^{r}yng of red saye wth y^{e} bedstids curtens and hangyng^{z} of y^{e} same and also y^{e} gretist panne y^{t} I have but one also my best cloke but one and ij sil^{r} spones y^{e} onc of them to be y^{e} spone w^{ch} my fath^{r} gave me and also a blak gowne of cloth y^{e} daye of my buriall and to Peres Standishe hir husband a blak jacket wth a riall of gold To M^{r} Thom̄s Houghton a riall of gold To M^{r} Edmund Hopwod a riall of gold To M^{res} Hopwod his wife a riall of gold and ij sil^{r} spones Also I geve my uncle Henry Bastwell xx^{s} and a blak jacket y^{e} daye of my buriall To my cosen Adam Rigbie xx^{s} and a blake jacket y^{e} daye of my buriall To my cosen Ri$\tilde{c}$ Thomson y^{e} sone of Laurence Thomson sexe pound^{z} xiij shilling^{z} iiij^{d} a blake jacket if he be at my buriall To John Cocke my serv$\tilde{u}$nt xx^{s} my best wolsted dublet and a blak jacket y^{e} daye of my buriall and to Sethe Aspynhalgh my serv$\tilde{n}$nt iiij pounds in money and a blake cowe and a blak jacket y^{e} daye of my buriall if y^{e} dwell wth me y^{e} tyme of my death To Johan my s^{r}v$\tilde{n}$nt xx^{s} and iij yard^{z} of flaxen clothe if she dwell wth me &c. To Elisabethe Harrope xl^{s} toward hir mariage and a cowe if she dwell &c. To Annes Cutteler xx^{s} if she dwell &c. To Wi$\tilde{\text{l}}$m Knyght my godson xx^{s} to gett hym a m^{r} if he dwell &c. Also I geve Ri$\tilde{c}$ Coke my godson xx^{s} and a heffer or a twenter To S^{r} Ellis Asshworthe an old riall of gold To e^{r}y one of my godchildren my blessing and viij^{s} To Nicolas Leghes my proctor a riall To Henry M^{r}land a riall of gold To S^{r} Peter Bower my scole m^{r} at Standishe xl^{s} and one of my jacket^{z} and a dublet To Agnes Cutteler a cow or a heffer if she dwell &c. To Ri$\tilde{c}$ Bastwell and Thom̄s Bastwell my cossins eth^{r} of them xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To Edmond Harrope and his wife eth^{r} of them a riall of gold To James Harrope an angell of gold Also yt is my will y^{t} y^{e} daye of my buryall so much white cloth be brought to make xiij white gownes

and those to be geven to xiij pore men to bryng my bodie to ye church and to praye for my soule aboute my herse ye daye of my buriall and linen clothe to make xxiiij shertꝭ and those to be geven to xxiiij pore folkꝭ to pray for my soule The residue of my goodꝭ afꝑ yt I ame brought fourth my bequestꝭ geven and my dettꝭ payed I will shalbe devided in ij ptꝭ and ye one half to be devided amongest my brethren James Lawrence and Riĉ Thomson and othꝑ my pore kynsfoulkꝭ and ye othꝑ half I will shalbe geven to ye porest people to praye fore my soule and all christen soules Also I make James Lawrence and Riĉ Thomson my brethren my executors Also I make Thom̃s Asshton of Shepley gent̃ and Nicolas Leghes supvisors These beyng recordꝭ Sr Edward Hepp Sr Ellis Asshworthe prestꝭ with others.

THE WILL OF GEORGE BOOTH OF DUNHAM ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. The sexte daye of October ye yere of or Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth xxxj I George Bothe of Donnh"m Massie in ye countie of Chesꝑ esquire hole in mynd and somewhat deceassed in bodie cōsideryng yt ye lif of man is mortall and that ye houre of deꝑth is uncꝑtene and much dredfull willyng yꝑfore to be in a redines whĉ it shall please God or Saviour to call

[1] No date of probate. The testator, son and heir of Sir William Booth by his first wife, Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Sir Thomas Ashton of Ashton-under-Lyne Knt., married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt., and had issue three sons, George, John, and Robert; and seven daughters — Ellen, who married in 1537 John, son and heir of John Carrington of Carrington Esq.; Anne, the wife of William Massey of Podington Esq.; Margaret, the wife of Sir William Davenport of Bramhall; Elizabeth, in 1566, married Richard Sutton of Sutton Esq.; Dorothy, the wife of Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq.; Alice the wife of Peter Daniel of Over Tabley Esq.; and Cicely who died unmarried. See her Will, p. 49. He died in 1531, aged 40 years. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402.

for me from this transitorye world orden and make my last will &c. ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almightie God to o^{r} Ladie Saynte Marie &c. and my bodie to be buried in Iħus chappell at Bowdon churche among myñ ancestors Also I geve &c. to y^{e} prior of Birkenhed my best horse to praye for me in as much as y^{ꝺ} is a statute made y^{t} he can have no corse ꝑsant Also I geve &c. at Birkenhed aforesayd ten shillyng^{ꝙ} to saye a trentall of masses for my soule Also I geve &c. to y^{e} p^{r}or and y^{e} freires at Warington ten shillyng^{ꝙ} to saye a trentall of masses for my soule Iẗm to y^{e} same p^{r}or of Warington toward^{ꝙ} y^{e} gildyng of o^{r} Ladie iij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I will y^{t} my best gowne of velvet and my best dublet shall be made in tow vestimēt^{ꝙ} and y^{e} one of y^{e} sayd vestemēts to be geven to y^{e} sayd chappell of Iħus at Bowdon church and y^{e} other vestemēt to remene in y^{e} chappell of Dunnh"m for e^{ꝺ} to thentente y^{t} it maye be a remēbrance to praye for my soule Also I geve &c. unto George Both my sone and heire apparant my cheine of gold and my signet of gold to thentent y^{t} he shall have y^{e} same durynge all his lif and af^{ꝛ} his decese y^{e} same chene and signet to remene to suche as shalbe heres to y^{e} sayd Georg and so to continue as an heire lome to suche as shalbe heires and lord^{ꝙ} of Dunhm̄ for e^{ꝺ}more I will y^{t} y^{e} sayd George shall have a bord co^{ꝺ}ed wth the best bord cloth in y^{e} hale wth my best salt and my best standyng coppe and a dosen of my best spones and all oth^{ꝺ} houshold stuf like as I had af^{ꝛ} y^{e} decesse of my fath^{ꝺ} as heire lomes and furth^{ꝺ} y^{e} sayd Georg shall have of my good^{ꝙ} as shalbe semyng to my execut^{r}^{ꝙ} Also I geve &c. to e^{ꝺ}y one of my servñnt^{ꝙ} w^{ch} byñ genẗmen and taken for my yomen y^{ꝺ} wagis in money for one hole yere af^{ꝛ} my decesse o^{ꝺ} and besid^{ꝙ} such wagis as y^{e} shall happen to have servet for in my lif y^{t} y^{e} may ꝓvid them selfes for some oth^{ꝺ} service Also it is my will y^{t} my chaplen S^{r} John Percivall or some oth^{ꝺ} discrete ꝑist shall say masse praye and do devyn service for my soule and myne ancestors and all x̃ten soules by y^{e} space of vij yeres nexte af^{ꝛ} my

decese and he to have for his salarie yerely iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Also where as Rowland Bukkeley of Bewmarres esq̃re and oth^{r} surties wth hym standeth bounden to me by sev̄all obligacions for y^{e} mariage of my son̄ George it is my full mynd and will y^{t} myn̄ execut^{r} shall have y^{e} sayd obligacions and receve y^{e} money for them accordyng at dayes and place in y^{e} same assigned and as y^{e} shalbe due to be payed and wth my porcion of y^{e} same money and my porcion of y^{e} residue of my movable good^{s} before not bequethed I will y^{t} myn execut^{r} shall make all my funerall expensis and also pforme my legacies and bequest^{s} and shall susten all such cost^{s} &c. as y^{e} shall fortune to susten for y^{e} fulfylling of this my last will and where as I y^{e} sayd Georg Bothe of grete confidence by my dede indented beryng date y^{e} xviijth daye of Julie y^{e} xxiij [xxviij ?] yere of Kyng Henre y^{e} viijth have infeoffed my broth^{r} in law John Massie of Podington esquire John Carryngton of Carryngton esquire Wiłłm Mayre of Meyr Richard Legh of Hegh [Legh] esquire Ri^{c} Legh of Swarton gentilman and Wiłłm Plūt^{r} clarke parson of Wotton in my man̄ of Dunhm̄ Massie and in all my meass̄ land^{s} tenēt^{s} rent^{s} and s̄vic^{s} in Dunhm̄ Massie Statley Bolyn Deyn Roe Stiall and Wilmeslowe in y^{e} contie of Chester and also in all my mess̄ land^{s} &c. in Groton Shelderslowe and Quicke in y^{e} contie of Yorke and in Birmingh^{c}m w^{t}in y^{e} contie of Warwike as by the same dede indented whereunto my will concernyng my sayd man̄ meass̄ land^{s} and ten̄t^{s} is annexed more plenly dothe appe^{r} It is also my will y^{t} my execut^{r} w^{t} my porcion of y^{e} same so^{m}es of money to me owyng by y^{e} s^{d} Rolland and w^{t} y^{e} residue of my sayd good^{s} shall susten all such cost^{s} as my sayd feoffes shall susten for eny thyng co^{n}cernyng my sayd feoffamēt and save harmeless ev̄y of my sayd feoffees for the same Also furth^{r} it is my will y^{t} my sayd execut^{r} with my porcion of y^{e} sayd so^{m}es of money &c. [as before] shall cōtent and paye all such so^{m}es of money as it shall fortune me y^{e} sayd Georg̃ Bothe to be indetted to any pson at y^{e} tyme of

my deceasse if my sayd movable goodꝭ and sōmes of money &c. so far will extend and if yᵉ will not extend yᵒunto then I will yᵗ so much as yᵒof shall lacke shalbe taken of thissues rents and pfittꝭ of my sayd manoʳ messͤ &c. compʳsed in my sayd feoffemēt excepte yᵗ all such sōmes of money wᶜʰ I shalbe endetted at yᵉ tyme of my descease to my sayd brothᵒ John Massie or to my cosyn John Sutton for yᵉ mariagꝭ of my doghtoʳs Anne and Elisabȝ shalbe payed and taken of the issues &c. of my sayd manͫ measͤ &c. cōpʳsed in yᵉ sayd feoffamēt, and also excepte xxᵗⁱ marks of money to be payed of thissues and pfitts of my sayd landꝭ in Jesus chappell wᵗin xl dayes next aftᵒ my decese of [*sic*] Jane now wif of Lawrenc̄ Bothe accordyng as appereth by my will annexed to my sayd ded endentite also I bequeth toward ye makyng of yᵉ side ile of yᵉ church of Bowdon at such tyme as it shalbe taken down fyve markꝭ of money also I will yᵗ evy of myn executʳꝭ yᵗ yᵉ shall truly see for yᵉ pformacion of this my last will and for yᵒ payn̄ yᵒin to be taken shall have xlˢ also it is my will yᵗ myn executʳꝭ shall have yᵉ ward and charge of Anne Arderon doughtoʳ and heire of John Arderon decessed and also yᵗ yᵉ sayd executʳꝭ shall have all such tackes and leases wᶜʰ I have of my brodᵒ Andrew of his landꝭ in Sundᵒland as of all othᵒ psons in all other places and all such pfettꝭ wᶜʰ shuld com̄ of yᵉ same to me towardꝭ thexhibicion and bryngyng upe of my younger doughtʳꝭ also I will yᵗ Elisabȝ my wif shall have all yᵉ porcion and pte of my sayd movable goodꝭ cattels and dettꝭ as shall stand and accordꝭ wᵗ yᵉ law of this realme I desir and pʳy and also orden and make yᵉ sayd Elisabȝ my welbeloved wif Ric̄ Legh of Hegh Leghe Ric̄ Leghe of Sworton gent̄ and Wiłłm Plūt̄ clarke to be myn̄ executorꝭ also I desyr and praye yᵉ right worshipfull Mʳ Dane John Sharp pʳor of Birkenhed to be ovseer of yᵉ same to whom I bequethe fore a token a ring of gold The residue of all othᵒ my goodꝭ detts cattells &c. if any shall remene I geve &c. to my executʳꝭ towardꝭ

ye bryngyng upe of my yonger childrcñ and furthꝰ to be disposed in dedꝛ of almes and charitie for ye helpe of my soule as shalbe thought convenyent by my sayd executrꝛ In witnes whereof I ye sayd Georg Bothe in this my ꝑsent testamēt &c. have set my seale &c. the daye and yere above wretten.

THE WILL OF THURSTAN TYLDISLEY OF WARDLEY ESQUIRE.[1]

IN the name &c. I Thurstan Tyldisley of Wordly in the countie of Lanc̃ esquire do make my will and testamēt the first day of September in ye first yere of ye raigne of or soꝛaigne lord King

[1] No date of probate. He married first Percival, daughter of Geoffrey Shakerley of Shakerley Esq., by whom he had, besides other children, Alice, wife of Sir Robert Worsley of Boothes Knt., and Thomas, who married Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead, marriage settlement dated 26th October 10 Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Tildesley (grandson of the above Thomas) of Gray's Inn, Attorney General for the County Palatine of Lancaster and one of the learned Council of the North, married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Norres of Orford near Warrington. He died in 1635, leaving one son, Richard, who survived him four years, and two daughters eventually coheiresses by the death of their brother without issue, Elizabeth, wife of Edmund Breeres of Preston, barrister at law, and Anne, who married first Thomas Southworth of Samlesbury Esq., and secondly Adam Mort of Preston.—*Suffield MSS.*, and *Dodsworth's MSS.* vol. liii. p. 15. The testator married secondly Jane, daughter of Ralph Langton, Baron of Newton, by whom he had three daughters, Mary wife of Ralph Standish of Standish, Anne, wife of Richard Massey of Rixton, Dorothy, wife of Richard Breerton of Worsley, and one son, Edward, who, marrying Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Leyland of Morleys Esq., was the founder of a family devotedly attached to the ill-fated race of Stuarts. Sir Thomas Tildesley of Morleys, Major General to the brave Earl of Derby, was killed in Wigan Lane 25th August 1651. His great-grandson Edward Tildesley joined the Pretender's cause at Lancashire in 1715, for which he was tried at London and acquitted. His son James Tildesley took part with Prince Charles Edward in 1745, and there is a tradition in the neighbourhood of Astley that he in consequence lost his estate. This can hardly be correct, as he did not sell Morleys until 1755, and was in possession of Holcroft

Edward ye sixt in mañ and forme ensuyng ffirst I bequeth my soule unto Almightie God my bodie to be buryed in Eccles Church if I die wthin ye countie of Lanc̃ at ye hedd wheras Charles Davenport lieth and I will yt a chapell of my gudꝛ and chatteles and of thissues and pfittꝛ of my said farmes of Myrescoche Sawerbie Gosenarghe and Pulton shalbe made whereas ye bodies of me and the said Charlis shall remene when ye king or sov̄aigne lord or any oth̄ shall bulde the chancill of ye said church of Eccles if in my lif tyme I do not make ye said chappell Also I will yt Jane nowe my wif shall have duryng hir lif ye lodge in Myerscoghe to dwell in duryng hir pleasure if myne interest ȳin endure so long wth all mañ of my implements of houshold ȳ at this daye remenyng and ioestemētꝛ of xvj kyne and ȳ calfes yerely ȳ and ioiestment for iiij horses ȳ yerely and ye crope of iiij acres of haie ground such as she will chuse and ye goyng and ioestment of so many swyne as she will kepe ȳ without anything yelding or painge ȳfore and further I geve &c. to hir ye third pte of all ye residue of all my beddinge hangingꝛ con̄poyntꝛ and shetꝛ and all oth̄ my implemētꝛ of houshouldꝛ at Wordley or els where remenyng my plate excepted And I desire hir to leve at ye leaste half of so much stufe as I shall geve hir or ye value ȳof aft̄ her decease to Edward Tuldisley my sone and heire if he ov̄ live hir And I geve to hir my standinge coppe of silv̄ wth ye cov̄ my best salte wth ye cov̄ and my white pece of silv̄ and xiij of my best silv̄ spones wth the litill clocke acrudall wth all my chapell stuf at Myrescoghe wth a like desire yt she shall leave ye half or ye value of ye half to Edward Tildisley And I bequeth to my said wif all my titill yt I have in ye tithes of Layrbreeke Litill Ecclisten ye Wale Bethum Hall and Grenall and I desire my said wif to leave ye whole titill ȳof to my

Hall at the time of his death, as appears from his will, dated 8th February 1765, and proved at Chester 23rd April 1768. See *Lancashire Memoirs of the Rebellion in* 1715, p. 221, and the *Jacobite Trials at Manchester in* 1694, p. lxiv.

said sone Edward aft^{9} hir deithe Also I geve &c. to my sone Thom̄s Tildesley all my chapell stuf at Wordley a goblit of silv^{9} wth a cov^{9} about wth scripture for ane heire lome one dosin of new spones all my formes bord^{e} coffars bed stockes and also such pte of my bedding and y^{e} residue of my said implemēt^{e} of houshold stuf remenyng at Wordly And it is my will y^{t} my said sone Thom̄s aft^{9} his death leve such good^{e} or y^{e} value y^{9}of as he shall hapen to have by force of this my will to him y^{t} shall be his heire and so to remene from heres to heres so long as it shall please God and y^{t} my heire shalbe of habilitie and power to leave such good^{e} in forme abovesaid And further I geve &c. to my said sone Thom̄s all my intrest I have in y^{e} shepe heys of Pilkington and all y^{e} tithe of Tildisley aft^{9} my wiff^{e} death or aft^{9} y^{t} she shall not dwell at Wordley and so long as she dwellith at Wordley I geve &c. to her my titill I have in y^{e} same tithe of Tildisley and I will y^{t} my ꝟvunte Willm Worsley shall have of thissues and pfitt^{e} of my farme of Bolton yerely duryng his lif xl^{s} if myne intrest indure solong I bequeth to y^{e} said Willm Worsley y^{t} he shall have y^{e} tenemēt in Swinton called Barnes tenemēt and also y^{e} tenemēt in Hawghton y^{t} W^{m} Orphar dwellith in imediately aftar y^{e} decease of y^{e} said Willm Orphar paying to me and my heires y^{e} old accostomed rent and to me and my heires for y^{e} fyne of y^{e} said Willm Orphar's tenement xl^{s} and to y^{e} execut^{r} of y^{e} said Willm Orphar liij^{s} iiij^{d} in iij yeres for a new house y^{t} y^{e} said Willm did buyld y^{9}apon I will y^{t} y^{e} said Willm Worsley shall have both y^{e} said tenemēt^{e} for terme of his lif he doyng such sarvice as other t^{e}nts do and aft^{9} his death I will y^{t} his wif shall have y^{e} said ij tenemēt^{e} during hir lif and so long as she kepith hir widow and is of onest cō^{9}sation of hir bodie and I will y^{t} my ꝟv^{e}nt Myles Seddon shall have yerely duryng his lif off thissues and pfitts of my said farmes of Meyrescoghe Sauarbie Gosenarghe and Pulton xxvj^{s} viij^{d} beside such yerely pfitt^{e} as he y^{e} said Myles shall receve by force of a lease to hym made by my

cosin Andrew Barton and me of y^e^ tithe of Litill Leyver in Bolton pishe w^ch^ I thinke is clerely and yerely worth to him xl^s^ and I will y^t^ Thom̄s Gelibrond have yerely duryng his lif of thissues of my farme of Mayrescogh &c. xxvj^s^ viij^d^ for such ꝺvice as he hath done to me, and the said Thom̄s shuld have had more yerely tyun [?] but y^t^ I thinke y^t^ he had more yerely pfite elsewhere and ptly by me and for my sake Also I will y^t^ xx^li^ be taken by my execut^r^ꝙ of the issues &c. of my farmes of Myrescogh &c. to be distributed among oth^r^ my ꝺv̄nts not havyng noñ oth^r^ thing by force of this will and he y^t^ hath deꝺvid most to have most by y^r^ discrecions Also I will y^t^ Wiłłm Walton and Rondull Bordman shall have such ꝺvicis officis and romes as y^e^ have usid to have of me y^e^ doyng y^r^ duties and sarvicis as y^e^ used to do for me and as I trust y^e^ will do for me Also I bequeth to ev̄y of my execut^r^ꝙ and supvisors liij^s^ iiij^d^ and my desire is y^t^ y^r^ shalbe no discord among my executors about my gudꝙ but y^t^ y^e^ will conferme them to quietnes and to be ordred by y^e^ supvisors if such contravarsie shuld so happen for I wold rath^r^ wishe y^t^ my gudꝙ were brent and consumyde w^th^ fire or any such contravcie shuld continue amongꝙ them aboute my gudꝙ or about y^e^ playne understanding of this my will and forsomuch as cvj^li^ xvij^s^ iiij^d^ was behind and unpayd unto Riĉ Breerton my sone in law y^e^ daye of y^e^ deathe of my soninlaw ov̄ and besidꝙ xx^li^ to be payd unto hym duryng his father's lif I will y^t^ xx^li^ yerely shall [be] levied of my said farmes of Myrescoghe &c. untill cc m^r^ks shall [be] levied unto Dorithie dough^r^ of me y^e^ said Thurstane[1] Parre shall my lif tyme do not marie y^e^ said Dorathie w^ch^ Riĉ Breerton died y^e^ xxiij daye of August last past Also I will y^t^ my cosin Thurstan Parre shall have yerely during his lif xx^s^ also I will y^t^ my cosin George Tildisley theld^r^ shall have yerely duryng his lif xx^s^ Also I bequeth y^t^ [? to] my cosen Roƀt Worslei y^e^ youngr^e^ some of x m^r^ks and notwithstanding y^t^ my sone in lawe S^r^ Roƀt Worsle knight is m^r^ried

[1] This incomplete sentence is copied verbatim from the Bishop's Register.

to M^{r}gerit Bethum his wif yet levyng yet I remyt and p̄don to him vij^{li} x^{s} apon condicion y^{t} he geve yerly unto my dough^{r} Alis his wif v^{li} or more for hir exhibicion duryng hir absens from him or apon condicion y^{t} he take his said wif into his company and intreat hir as he ought to do And furth^{r} in dischardg of my cōsience I will y^{t} my execut^{rs} shall take [from] thissues of my said farmes of Meyrescogh &c. y^{e} some of xxiij^{li} and y^{e} same to [be] bestowed apon hieghewayes and oth^{r} ded^{s} of charitie for y^{e} soule of John Garnet deceased of whose gud^{s} I have as much as y^{e} same doth amount unto and more Also I bequeth toward^{s} y^{e} byulding of y^{e} church of Eccles if it be not bylt in my lif and a rode seller made y^{e} some of ten m^{r}ks And whereas my son in law Rauf Standishe esquire deceasid I do think y^{t} by y^{e} lawes of y^{e} realme y^{t} my dough^{r} Marie who he exposid [espoused] ought to be myn̄yst̄r of his gud^{s} and forsomuch as c̄tene of his plate remen̄yg in y^{e} custodie of my cosin Edward Standish his broth^{r} amoūtig to y^{e} value of xx m^{r}ks and y^{e} timb^{r} and brike at Standishe belonging to hir yet my desire is y^{t} she shall not cleym any pte y^{r} of and furth^{r} I will y^{t} he shall have y^{e} gilt goblet wth y^{e} cov^{r} and forsomuch as I do verily thinke y^{t} y^{r} was nev^{r} carnall knoledge betwen y^{e} said Rauf and my said doughter Marie as well by y^{r} tend^{r} yeres and y^{t} y^{e} nev^{r} laye togeth^{r} and y^{t} I do think y^{t} y^{e} said Edward and she myght be lawfully m^{r}yed togeth^{r} by y^{e} lawes of God wherein I have askid coūsill gret lernid men who thinke y^{e} same y^{r}fore I geve my gudwill of y^{e} said m^{r}yage if y^{e} said Edward and Marie can be agreable to y^{e} same when he and hir be of thage of xix yeres or xxth ould for I wold rath^{r} wishe y^{t} she shuld be married to him y^{en} to any oth^{r} Also I bequeth to my son in law Ri$\bar{c}$ Massie esquire a gilt goblit wthout a cov^{r} Also I bequeth to George Entwisill who hath m^{r}yed my wiff^{s} dough^{r} my litill goblit of silv^{r} Also I will y^{t} my execut^{rs} [receive] y^{e} residue of y^{e} p̄fitt^{s} of my said farme of Pulton and pay y^{e} said clere yerely value to Hugh

Tildisley George T. Gilbart T. Thom̄s T. and James T. sones unto my sone Thom̄s T. for vij yeres after my decease and equally devid y^e^ same amongest them I geve &c. to my said son Thom̄s T. and to my cosen Thurstan T. his sone my whole interest in my said farme of Pulton and I will y^t^ my broth^r^ S^r^ Ric̄ T. shall have yerely aft^r^ my decese an anuytie of iiij m^r^k^ꝙ^ duryng his lif of y^e^ issues and pfitt^ꝙ^ of my said farmes of Merescoghe &c. in recōpence of his anuytie or lands geven to him for terme of his lif for y^e^ said S^r^ Ric̄ was a muncke at y^e^ Chart^r^ house at Shine And where I have made an estate of land^ꝙ^ unto Jane now my wif of my cheif place of Wordley w^th^ all my demene except y^e^ Foxholes and the teñnte of Gilis Moreton and [a] ctene anuyttie of xxix^s^ goyng fourth of my said land^ꝙ^ unto Jane now my said wif w^ch^ anuytie w^th^ my chefe house w^t^ all my demene land^ꝙ^ was of old rent but xij^li^ and now it is worth xxv^li^ and because I wold y^e^ said Jane buried w^th^ me where I die if she ov^r^ live me y^r^fore I made cheif house w^th^ as much of my demene land^ꝙ^ as I can to hir for terme of hir lif w^th^out impechment of wast and if she kepe house at Wordley aft^r^ my deith yen it is my mind y^t^ as many of Thom̄s Tildisleyes children as be under y^e^ age of xij yeres old y^t^ my said wif shall bord them for xxvj^s^ viij^d^ apece and himself and his wif for v m^r^k^ꝙ^ apece and as many of his servñt^ꝙ^ as he will have for xl^s^ apece and when any of his children shalbe of thage of xij yeres then to paie xl^s^ apece alwayes pvided y^t^ ye said Jane my wif shall have y^e^ libertie to chuse whether she will bord them or any of them ȳ or no and if so be y^t^ y^e^ said Jane bord them then it is my mynd and desire y^t^ y^e^ said Thom̄s T. shall set y^e^ said Foxholes and y^e^ tenemēt of Giles for xxix^s^ in y^e^ yere And where I have made an astate of land^ꝙ^ to Edward T. my son of y^e^ teñnte of Ric̄ Dañeport James Money and Adam Mather about y^e^ value of x m^r^k^ꝙ^ it is my will y^t^ y^e^ said Edward shall take y^e^ rents y^r^of and suffer thē to do such s̄vice unto y^e^ said Thom̄s Tildesley as y^e^ have byn

accustomyd to do to me and y^t^ he shall not put them furth of y^r^ holdinge Also it is my will y^t^ Willm Shakʔley shall have an añuyte of foure mʔke by me heretofore geven to him for terme of his lif Also it is my will y^t^ my said son Thom̄s T. and his heres shall have all y^e^ residue of all my landę tenemēcts rentę revsions and ʔvicis beyng of myn inheritaunce &c. according to my old evydencę for evʔ And where I have byn a grait mediller of a long space y^t^ is to saie by y^e^ space of xxxj yeres and more under my lord and m^r^ Edward erle of Derbie my lord his fathʔ and my ladie his mothʔ whose soules God ꝑdon and bene [1]receved [*sic*] of yʔ landę for y^e^ most ꝑte by y^e^ same space wherefore in declaracion of y^e^ truth I take it apon my death and consciens and as I will answere before God y^t^ wittyngly in all y^t^ space yʔ is nothing com̄en unto my handę or possessōn of yʔ landę rentę fynes or engresions rewardę or othʔ thingę but such as I have truly paid for and put in my bokę of accompte w^th^oute fraude or coven and w^th^oute corrupt consciens or advantage to my self to my knoledge I geve &c. unto my sone Edward T. my whole interest &c. in Myrescoghe Soũbie Goseñghe Pulton my farmes of ye tithe of Fesshewicke w^th^ y^e^ keping [of] Myrescoghe and Blesedale and y^e^ offis of M^r^ forestʔ of Amounderñs and fees belonging to evʔ oñ of thē during all my terme and interest in thē Also it is my will y^t^ my said sunes Thomas T. and Edward T. shall not take any ingression and fynes &c. but only y^r^ rent of my teñntę in Tildesley Asley and Wordley but suffer thē to inioye y^r^ fermehouldę durynge y^r^ liffes doyng such ʔvices as y^e^ have usid to do to me and also it is my will y^t^ my said son Thom̃s shall not take any ingression &c. of any of my teñntę in Swinton Haughton Westwoodę and Westlakę Mʔland Salforth Lever Bolton Kellermaugh but suffer them to inioye y^r^ said farmes holdę durynge y^r^ lives And I make my welbelovid wif Jane T. and my son Edward T. myn executors and harteley beseeche y^e^ righte honerable Edward erle of Darbie S^r^

[1] Receiver.

Willm Paget lord Paget Sr Willm Longley pson [of] Pstwch Sr Ric̄ Johns pson of Waryngton Sr Edmond Molineux knight Sr Ric̄ Garrard pson of Bangor and Laurence Asshall to be supvisors and I desire my welbeloved ꝟvañts Wm Warton Mylis Seddon Roudull a Bordman and my welbelovid frend Thom̄s Gillibrond shall instruck my said executrꝛ in my bookꝛ of rekenyngꝛ and in all othꝰ thingꝛ yt maye touch ye true execuciō of my will Also I bequeth to Jane Massie xls and to Anne Massie xiijli vjs viijd and to Mꝰgeret Tildisley xli towardꝛ yr mariagꝛ And forsomuch as I dout Sr Peres Lighe knight will move myne executꝛ to make him assigmēt or lease of my farme of Winwicke I will yt ye shall nevꝰ mak to him any assigmēt or lease of my said farm but kepe it to thē selves according to ye will of Gouthꝰ Leghe esquire Also it is my will yt if my son Thom̄s T. truble my said wif but [do not] suffꝰ hir peassablie to injoye ye landꝛ yt I have geven to hir yt thē ye said Thomas T. shall forfayt all my lands yt I purchased and suffꝰ Thurstan T. my cosin to enꝰ apon ye same so yt ye said Thurstan mak non astate of ye said Thom̄s T. but will hould ye said landꝛ for his owne use and if he ye said Thurstan make any astate or suffer ye said Thom̄s T. to have ye said landꝛ I will yt ye said Edward Tildisley shall have ye said landꝛ to him and to his heires for evꝰ And where I have geven &c. heretofore in this my present unto my doughtꝰ Dorathie Breerton cc mꝰks it is my will furthꝰ yt my said doughtꝰ Dorathie shall have yerely aftꝰ ye decesse of Jane my wif viijli unto such tyme as ye said Dorithie have some livyng of greter yerely value In witnes thereof &c. Witneses Sr John Atherton knight Robert Worsley Laurence Asshawe Georg Tyldisley Thurstan Parre Thom̄s Bryddocke wth others Md that ye xxiiij day of June in ye sixte yere of ye reigne of our soꝟaigne lord Edward the sixte Thurstan Tildesley esquire acknowledgith this to be his true testamēt and last will before these witneses here after followyng Sr John Atherton knight Robart Worsley Laurence

Asshawe Georg Tyldisley Thurstan Parre Thom̄s Bryddocke w^th^ others.

A trwe inventorie of all the goodes &c. at Wordley latelie appteyinge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquyer made the iiij daie of Julie anno Marie regine p^r^mo and praysed by Edmunde Slade Charles Hoope Robert Edge and Will̄m Richardson ffirste in drawghte oxen xvj le p^r^ce le yocke iij^li^ — xxiiij^li^ — one bull xiij^s^ iiij^d^ — in kyne xvij p^r^ce le cowe xvij^s^ xiij^li^ xij^s^ In kepinge sheepe C^xx^v le shepe xvj^d^ xij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ — in fatte shepe xxx le shepe ij^s^ iiij^d^ — iiij^li^ xx^d^ In lambes ^xx^xij le lambe xij^d^ iij^li^ xij^s^ In tithe lambes ^xx^ij le lambe xij^d^ iij^li^ ij^s^ In workhorses xj le horse xiij^s^ iiij^d^ vij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ In calffes xvij le calf iij^s^ iiij^d^ lvj^s^ viij^d^ One rydinge geldinge called Stoweser liij^s^ iiij^d^ — ij rydinge mares iiij^li^ — xvj hogg℄ v^s^ iiij^li^ — xij sowes xlviij^s^ — viij boocrs xxxvj^s^ viij^d^ In speninge xiij xiij^s^ In wull xlvj stoone v^s^ xj^li^ x^s^ Beddinge In fether beddis xxj le peece xiij^s^ x^d^ xiiij^li^ xj^s^ In mattressis xiiij le peece v^s^ vj^d^ ob̄ iij^li^ xvij^s^ viij^d^ In bolsterris xl le peece iij^s^ iiij^d^ vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ In pillowes co℣ed with fustian xvj le peece xx^d^ xxvj^s^ viij^d^ In other pillowes xxv le peece ix^d^ xviij^s^ ix^d^ In fustian blanckett℄ iiij le peece v^s^ x^d^ xxiij^s^ iiij^d^ In wollen blanckett℄ lxxij le peece xx^d^ vj^li^ In fledge blanckett℄ ix le peece xij^d^ ix^s^ In quilt℄ iij le peece ij^s^ x^d^ viij^s^ vj^d^ In co℣lett℄ lviij le peece iiij^s^ iiij^d^ ob̄ xij^li^ xiij^s^ ij^d^ ob̄ In counterpent℄ for bedd℄ of tapstree worke v le peece xvij^s^ iiij^d^ iiij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ In co℣yng℄ of reede seye and greene iiij le peece iiij^s^ ij^d^ xvj^s^ viij^d^ — viij cases of canves fylled w^th^ straw le peece xij^d^ viij^s^ In the litle chamber one seller and tester of reede and greene seye w^th^ curtens of the same xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Soomuche greene seye as dooth hange the same chamber xiij^s^ iiij^d^ One standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde xxvj^s^ viij^d^ — one cupborde w^th^ a co℣ynge of greene sey xij^d^ — a seller and tester of reede and greene seye w^th^ curtens of the same in the grete chamber xx^s^ a hoole hanginge in the same chamber of reede and greene seye

liij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedde wth a trowkle bed in the same chamber xxvjs viij^{d} — one cuppebord covered wth blwe xij^{d} — a seller and tester of reede and greene sey in the chamber o$\overline{v}$ the hall wth curtens of the same xvj^{s} — a hoole hanginge of reede and greene sey wthin the same chamber xl^{s} — a standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde in the same chamber xx^{s} — a rounde cupborde wth a co$\overline{v}$ynge tapstre work and a folden bord in the same chamber xiij^{s} — one seller and tester in the chamber o$\overline{v}$ the deyhowse of reede and greene sey wth curtens of the same x^{s} — hanginge for the same chamber of reed sey xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedde wth a trowkle bedde xx^{s} — a cuppebord wth a co$\overline{v}$ynge of seye vj^{d} — a seller and tester of reede and greene sey in the wrighte chamber wth curtens of the same vj^{s} viij^{d} — one seller and tester painted work in the same chamber wth hanginge for the chamber of the same v^{s} — a cuppebord wth a co$\overline{v}$ynge tapstre worke in the same chamber iiij^{d} — a carven chiste for sheete in the same chamber x^{s} — iij paire of beddestocke in the same chamber v^{s} — a seller and tester painted worke in the corner chamber wth curtens reede and greene sey iiij^{s} — hanginge for the same chamber painted work iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde v^{s} — one cuppebord iiij^{d} — in the chamber o$\overline{v}$ the buttrie one seller and tester of painted work wth curtens reede and greene sey iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a hoole hanginge for the same chamber of reede and greene seye x^{s} — ij pair of beddestocke in the same chamber ij^{s} — a cupbord wth a co$\overline{v}$ynge tapstre worke iiij^{d} — a seller and tester in the olde chamber of painted worke wth curtens of lynnyn cloothe iij^{s} — ij chiste bounden wth yrne in the same chamber xv^{s} ij paire of beedestocke in the same chamber ij^{s} — a seller and tester of dorneck in the chapell chamber wth curtens of the same iij^{s} iiij^{d} — hanginge for the same chamber of reede and greene sey xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij paire of bedde stocks in the same chamber ij^{s} — a cuppebord wth a coveringe tapstree work xij^{d} — in the under pler a seller and tester reed and greene seye wth

curtens of the same xvj^{s} — pcell of the same chamber hanged wth painted clothes xx^{d} — iij paire of beddestock^{e} in the same chamber iiij^{s} — a large chist bounden wth yrne in the same chamber v^{s} — a cupbord in the same chamber ij^{d} — the carvers chamber ij sellers wth testers painted worke ij^{s} — in the same chamber iiij paire of bedstocks iiij^{s} — one cuppebord wth a co$\overline{v}$inge tapstre work iiij^{d} — in the in$\overline{n}$ carvers chamber one seller wth ij testers painted work xij^{d} — in the same chamber iij pair of bedstock^{e} iij^{s} — in the yate howse chamber one seller and tester painted worke xx^{d} — in the same chamber ij pair of bedstocks ij^{s} — in the Charlis chamber one seller and tester of greene sey wth curtens blwe and reede iij^{s} viij^{d} — in the same chamber ij pair of beddestocks ij^{s} — in the meydins chamber one paire of beddestock^{e} and a tester lynnyn cloothe xviij^{d} — in George Tyldisleys chamber a seller painted work and a pair of beddestock^{e} xviij^{d} — in the garn$\overline{e}$ chamber ij sellers and testers painted ij^{s} — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestock^{e} ij^{s} — in the chamber in the stable ende one seller and tester painted work viij^{d} — in the same chamber one pair of beddestock^{e} xij^{d} — in the chamber o$\overline{v}$ the stable ij paire of bedstock^{e} ij^{s} — in the cookes chamber and the brwers ij pair of beddestock^{e} ij^{s} — xiiij quissions v^{s} The $\overline{s}$vant^{e} laborers beddinge vj co$\overline{v}$lett^{e} le preece ij^{s} xij^{s} — in blanckett^{e} vj le peece xij^{d} vj^{s} — one bolsterre xij^{d} — viij shetis vj^{s} viij^{d} Thing^{e} in the buttrie and pantrie xvj barells x^{d} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij hogyshedd^{e} ij^{s} — xxiiij brasse chandillers le peece xij^{d} xxiiij^{s} — vj drinckinge cannes of wod xij^{d} — iij lycqre pottes of stoone xviij^{d} — ij smale stoone pott^{e} iiij^{d} — one candilsticke at the goinge uppe into the chamber o$\overline{v}$ the hall and another at the kichyn doore viij^{d} — one basson and ewer iijs — one voyder xx^{d} — one pantrie knyve ij^{d} — three doosen of trenchers of wod iij^{d} — ij pewter basson xvj^{d} — Plate one goblet wth a co$\overline{v}$ apointed for an heyreloome xix ounces and $\overline{D}$ at iiij^{s} viij^{d} iiij^{li} xj^{s} — one other litle white goblet wthoute a cover viij ounces at iiij^{s} viij^{d} xxxvij^{s} iiij^{d} — one standinge cuppe

w^th^oute a cov^l^ xiiij ounces at iiij^s^ viij^d^ iij^li^ v^s^ iiij^d^ — ij gilte goblett^e^ w^th^ a cov^l^ lviij ounces at v^s^ xiiij^li^ x^s^ — one gilte salte w^th^ a cov^l^ xij ounces and a D at v^s^ iij^li^ ij^s^ vj^d^ — one other white salte w^th^oute a cov^l^ ix ounces at iiij^s^ viij^d^ xlij^s^ — one other new square salte gilte w^th^ a cov^l^ xv ounces and D at v^s^ iij^li^ xvij^s^ vj^d^ — one drinckinge stoone potte w^th^ a cov^l^ of sylver gilte and garnished xx^s^ — xiij sylver spones w^th^ the image of God apon one of them and the imag^e^ of xij apostells apon the others xxiiij ounces at iiij^s^ viij^d^ v^li^ xij^s^ — xij other spones xxij ounces and D at vj^s^ vj^li^ xv^s^ — xij other spones xv ounces at iiij^s^ viij^d^ iij^li^ x^s^ — one white peece viij ounces and D at iiij^s^ viij^d^ xxxix^s^ viij^d^ Thing^e^ in the hall and the pler a hanginge ov^l^ the benche in the hall of reede and greene sey w^th^ a cov^l^ynge of reede sey for the benche vj^s^ A brasen candilsticke w^th^ three light^e^ in the hall ij^s^ — a candill chiste iij^s^ — ij longe syttebordes one shortebord and iij formes ij^s^ viij^d^ — in the pler ij carpett^e^ tapstree work viij^s^ viij^d^ — a curten in the pler wyndowe of reede and greene seye ij^s^ — ij cuppeberd cov^l^yng^e^ whereof the one tapstre worke and the other reede and greene seye vj^s^ — one longe bord one cuppebord one folden bord and iij formes ix^s^ — xij cheris iiij^s^ Thing^e^ in the kechyn and the larder vij brasse pott^e^ vj^s^ viij^d^ xlvj^s^ viij^d^ — one caldroone of brasse xiij^s^ iiij^d^ — ij smale pannys ij^s^ viij^d^ — ij chafinge dishis ij^s^ — a morter and a pestell v^s^ — one chawser [or chawfer] for water ij^s^ — ij frienge pannes xx^d^; v spitt^e^ x^s^ — ij pair of yrne galberts v^s^ — one brendirne vj^s^ viij^d^ — ij cressett^e^ and ij grydirnes iiij^s^ — iiij paire of tong^e^ and ij breede graters xx^d^ — ij yrnes for the oven mouthe and a firefork ix^d^ — a dressinge knyfe ij backinge knyves ij mynsinge knyves and three other smale knyves xiij^d^ — one skymm^l^ one brasyn ladill one fleshe axe and one flesshook xvj^d^ — xix broode pewter dishis xxv^s^ iiij^d^ — xviij narroo dishis xij^s^ — xij soosers and vj potingers vij^s^ — iij saltinge tubb^e^ ij leed^e^ ij stonnd^e^ one water tubbe and one almere xxxj^s^ viij^d^ Thing^e^ in the brwehowse and backhowse one greete ark xiij^s^ iiij^d^ — one lesser

arck and one botinge arck vij^{s} — ij hodgyshedd^{e} for verg^{e} ij^{s} — one stoone morter and a pair of mustard stones xij^{d} — ij decions and a modinge bord xvj^{d} — vij salte tubbis ij^{s} iiij^{d} — one masshinge keyre v^{s} — one guylinge keyre v^{s} — one colebathe iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one grete leede xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij grete stonnd^{e} and ij essions v^{s} iiij^{d} — Thing^{e} in the stoorehowse ij leades for soope vj^{s} viij^{d} — xvj yardes of white kerssey xxj^{s} iiij^{d} — Thing^{e} in the deyhowse and wasshing howse ij greete pannes of brasse xl^{s} — one lesser panne and a prigge panne iij^{s} x^{d} — ij brendrethis ij^{s} — v milke trowghs and v essions xx^{d} — ij milke pales and sex pigan^{e} v^{d} — one charne one turnell and one stond xvj^{d} — iiij chessevat^{e} and vj mugg^{e} x^{d} — a gredle to bake apon and a spitle xiiij^{d} — ij keyris and one stonnd ij^{s} ij^{d} — one maslen panne xij^{d} — Thing^{e} in my marstris closet xlij broade dishis iiij^{li} iiij^{s} — xxx naroo dishis xl^{s} — xix soosers iiij^{s} vij^{d} — vj potingers ij^{s} — xij plates iij^{s} — one quarte potte and ij candilstick^{e} of pewter xij^{d} — one chiste bounden wth yrne ij^{s} viij^{d} — one bassen and ewer iij^{s} iiij^{d} — Thing^{e} in the chapell — one chalishe wth a patente xx^{s} — one vestement one albe and one ames vj^{s} viij^{d} — one massebooke and one manuell iij^{s} — ij bellis one cruet one table ij alt^{e} clothes ij curtens for the end of the alters one clocke xxxvj^{s} viij^{d} — too wax candilstick^{e} ij^{s} — Naperie and shet^{e} ij diaper bordclothes xx^{s} — x flaxen bordclothes xxxvj^{s} viij^{d} — xv rounde bordclothes xx^{s} — xxiiij diaper napkins xxiiij^{s} — xxxviij flaxen napkyns xix^{s} — sex large cuppebord clothes fringed x^{s} — iiij naroo cuppebord clothes iiij^{s} — iij diap towells x^{s} — ix flaxen towells ix^{s} — iij armige [?] towells v^{s} — xix paire of broode flaxen shet^{e} xv^{li} — xlj paire of naro flaxen shet^{e} xiij^{li} — xxxv pair of canves shet^{e} lv^{s} — xxxv pillowe covering^{e} xxxv^{s} — Thing^{e} in the kylne and the garñ ij wyndooshet^{e} ij^{s} — xij sack^{e} vj^{s} — one heare ij^{s} — one hulpe ij^{d} — sex siff^{e} vj^{d} — Implement^{e} for husbandrye ij corne weins ij mucke weins ij torve weins xj^{s} iiij^{d} — sex paire of whelis whereof ij pair shodde xxix^{s} iiij^{d} — vj harowes x^{s} — sex

plowes wth foure paire of yrnes viijs iiijd—vij yrne teemis viijs — iij pair of clevis xviijd—viij yookꝙ iiijs—ij muckecarts iiijs—one cloose carte vjs viijd — viij pair of treys iiijs — vj coolers iijs — vij packe saddillꝙ vijs — iiij marle pickꝙ ijs — one mattack xijd — one ax viijd — v spadꝙ and shoes ijs — iij yrne forkꝙ ijs — iiij nogers viijd — one crowe of yrne xvjd — iij sithis iijs — viij hookꝙ and sicklis ijs — iiij torve spadꝙ xvjd — iij saighis iijs iiijd — iiij trunckꝙ ijs — ij weyne ropis ijs — ij tentꝙ xxs — Hydes and fellir unpaid for in the custodie of Xpōfer Mather vj oxe hydes xxxvjs — ij kyne hydes xs — xliij sheepehydꝙ vijs viijd — ix calf skynnes iijs Cornes unthresson at Wordley and Pilkington in the workehowse xl mettꝙ barlie xxxs — in the whete berne l mettꝙ barlie xljs viijd — in the same berne iiij hulpis rie iiijs — in the ote berne xx siffꝙ otꝙ iijli vjs viijd — at Pilkington l hulpꝙ barlie xljs viijd Cornes growinge at Wordley and Pilkington at the saides placꝙ xxxvij acres otꝙ xxiiijli xiijs iiijd — viij acres barlie viijli — iij acres whete at Wordley iiijli — one acre and D rye at Pilkington xxxs — Frenche whete iij roode land xs — Dettꝙ wch were owinge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier Wm Singleton for cornes growinge in hervest anno[1] quarto r. rꝙ Evi vijli viijs — Thurstan Tyldisley of Radcliff xjli ijs vjd — Sr John Atherton xviijli xiijs iiijd — George Kirkbie iiijli — weste in Pilkington ls — weste in Myrescoghe xjli — Master Hollande of Clifton vli — George Halghe xli — owinge for weste in Wordley xixs iiijd — owinge by my lorde of Derbye C$^{xx}_{iij}$xixli ixd — Sir Thomas Standley knight xiiijli — my Lorde for portage paide to the receyver of Lancashir for ij yeris iiijli — behynde for rente due at mydsom^{9} last besydꝙ anuytes grauntede by the saide Thurstan T. to Thomas T. Edward T. and Wm Shakerley xxli xvjs ijd ob — behynd for turbarie in Wordley and Tyldisley xxvijs vd ob — Dettꝙ owinge by Thurstan T. esquier first to Elizabethe Leighe in thaccomplishement of the will of Gowther Leighe decessed xxli — to

[1] 4 Edward VI.

Thomas Leyland esquier as aperethe by three severall obligacõns C^{li} — to Katheren Monne as apereth by the dette booke of the saide Thurstan xvj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to John Traves for blanckꝙ xxiij^{li} xij^{s} iij^{d} — to George Traves ut sup̄ xx^{li} xjx^{s} — to George Pendilton ut sup̄ vj^{li} x^{s} — to Nicholas Shawcrosse ut sup̄ viij^{li} iij^{d} — to George Kirkbie xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — to my Lorde w^{ch} hathe beene rec^{d} for the creacion of his yerldoome for ij yeeris $\frac{xx^{li}}{iiij}$ — for rente of Burscoghe behynd xxj^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — to my lord w^{ch} the saide Thurstan geve hym by a bill of his handꝙ xvij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}.

A true inventorie of all the goodes and cattells remeyninge at Myrescoghe and latelie pteyninge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier made the iiijth of Julie anno Marie Regine primo &c.

In draughte oxen x le peece xxxviij^{s} xix^{li} — ij bulles xviij^{s} xxxvj^{s} — xviij kyne xviij^{s} xvij^{li} ij^{s} — in stalfedde oxen xlvj^{s} viij^{d} iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — oxen putte to feede at Sancte Elyn daie xiij xxx^{s} xix^{li} x^{s} — kyne putte to feede at the same tyme xj xx^{s} xj^{li} — iiij milke heyfers xvj^{s} iij^{li} iiij^{s} — too oxe thrynters xx^{s} xl^{s} — viij twynters xiij^{s} iiij^{d} v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — xxiiij stirks vj^{s} viij^{d} viij^{li} — v steers xxx^{s} vij^{li} x^{s} — xxj calfꝙ iij^{li} x^{s} — ij workehorses iij^{s} iiij^{d} vj^{s} viij^{d} — one rydinge geldinge called Worsley liij^{s} iiij^{d} — one feele of iij yers age xx^{s} — one feelie ij yers age xij^{s} — one yerninge xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one other yerninge and one nagge xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — Beddinge in fetherbeddꝙ x xv^{s} vj^{d} vij^{li} xvij^{s} — in matressis vij vj^{s} xlij^{s} — in bolsterrꝙ xjx iij^{s} lvij^{s} — in pillowes xiiij xv^{d} xvij^{s} vj^{d} — in blanckettꝙ xxxix ij^{s} iiij^{d} iiij^{li} xj^{s} — coꝟlettꝙ xxxj iij^{s} iiij^{d} v^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one counterpointe tapstre work vj^{s} viij^{d} — ij coꝟyngꝙ reede seye vj^{s} — one coveringe greene sey iij^{s} iiij^{d} — in the chamber beyond the chapell chamb^{r} one seller wth a tester painted worke wth curtens lynnyn cloothe iiij^{s} — in the same chamber one cuppebord wth a coꝟinge blue cloothe ij^{d} — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestockꝙ ij^{s} — in the chapell chamber one seller and tester y^{e} seller blue and greene sey and the tester painted work xij^{d}

— hangings for the same chamber painted work xij^{d} — a cuppebord in the same chamber wth a co$\overline{v}$inge tapstre work iiij^{d} — ij paire of beddestockϱ in the same chamber ij^{s} — in the greete chamber o$\overline{v}$ the halle one seller wth a tester and curtens for the same of reede and grene sey vj^{s} viij^{d} — hangingϱ for the same chamber of reede and grene cloothe ij^{s} viij^{d} — a cuppebord wth a co$\overline{v}$ynge reede sey in the same chamber iiij^{d} — one chiste in my M^{r} his clooset iij^{s} viij^{d} — iij pair of beddestockϱ in the same chamb^{r} iiij^{s} — in the entrie at the goinge into the greete chamb^{r} ij greete chistϱ x^{s} — there remeynethe in the garn$\overline{e}$ ij newe standinge beddϱ ij trowkle beddϱ carved xl^{s} — in the chamber o$\overline{v}$ the kechyn one seller painted work and one cupborde viij^{d} — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestockϱ xx^{d} — in the same chamber o$\overline{v}$ the larder one seller and tester wth curtens of dorneck vj^{d} — one cuppebord wth ij pair of beddestockϱ in the same chamber xviij^{d} — in the forther chamber in the garden one pair of beddestockϱ xij^{d} — in the nerer chamber in the garden iiij pair of beddestockϱ iiij^{s} — in the chamber called M^{r} Rigmeydens chamber ij pair of beddestockϱ ij^{s} — in the worke$\overline{s}$vuntϱ chamber jx paire of beddestockϱ vj^{s} — in the chamber o$\overline{v}$ the brwehowse ij paire of bedstockϱ xvj^{d} — iiij quissions iiij^{s} — viij cheris ij^{s} viij^{d} — one longe bord in the chamber o$\overline{v}$ the hall x^{d} — Thinge in the hall hanginge for the hall painted work v^{s} iiij^{d} — one longe sytteborde one cuppebord and one forme ij^{s} — Thingϱ in the p̄ler hanginge for the p̄ler painted work xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one carpette iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one longe bord one cuppebord and one forme ij^{s} — one coveringe for the same cupbord grene cloothe ij^{d} — Thinge in my maistris closet xx broode platers xxx^{s} — xij disshis of a lesser sorte xij^{s} — in naroo disshis vj iiij^{s} — in broode dishis graven iiij iiij^{s} viij^{d} — in naroo dishis graven xij x^{s} — in soosers graven xij iiij^{s} — iiij other soosers xx^{d} — iiij potingers ij^{s} — Thinge in the chapell a chalishe wth a patente xx^{s} — one vestement iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one albe xx^{d} — one ames and one stooale iiij^{d} — one massebooke vj^{d} — ij tapers and ij torchis p̄telie brent one saincte Johns hedde

xvj^{d} — one altercloothe iiij^{d} — one brasen bucket a pax a cruet a grete bell and a lesser bell and one gyrdle ij^{s} viij^{d} — Plate jx olde sylver spones ij^{s} viij^{d} xxj^{s} — Thinge in the buttrie xij alestonndes x^{d} x^{s} — vj barelle for beere viij^{d} iiij^{s} — viij brasse candilsicke iiij^{s} — one basson and ewer xx^{d} — one voyder xvj^{d} — one canne of wod j^{d} — one lyverie potte ij^{d} — one shavinge basson vj^{d} — one glasse ij^{d} — Thinge in the larder iiij saltinge tubbis x^{s} — ij barelle for verge [verjuice] xij^{d} — ij barells for salte xij^{d} — Thinge in the kechyn iiij brasse pottes iiij^{d} xvj^{d} — one caldroone vj^{s} — one grete panne vj^{s} — three prigge pannes ij^{s} — one chafynge dishe viij^{d} — one morter wth a pestell iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one freynge panne vj^{d} — one cresset xij^{d} — one flesshooke ij^{d} — one paire of choppinge knyves iiij^{d} — one spytte ij^{d} — on fleshe ax iiij^{d} — iij pair of tonge viij^{d} — one brendyrne wth ij barres of yrne vj^{s} viij^{d} — one paire of galbyrnes iij^{s} — one fyrefork ij^{d} — one ession ij^{d} — ij grydirnes viij^{d} — iiij broade pewter dishis ij^{s} viij^{d} — iiij naroo dishis xvj^{d} — vij soosers xiiij^{d} — Thinge in the brwhowse ij brwinge leede xx^{s} — too brwinge keyris x^{s} — one bootinge knappe iiij^{d} — ij decions viij^{d} — one ession and a collack iiij^{d} — one candill ark viij^{d} — one backstoone and one spetill vj^{d} — Thinge in the deyhowse ij brasse pannes viij^{d} — one prigge panne iiij^{d} — ij essions and iiij galande x^{d} — ij milke trowghis iij bassons iiij chessevate ij butter trowghis xiij^{d} — iiij piggins iiij^{d} — one stonnd one charne and one saltinge ession xiiij^{d} — one brendrethe xij^{d} — iiij butt^{r} pott one piggan ij yerthen pott and one seighe vij^{d} ob — Naperie and shete iiij paire of flaxen shete of iij breede x^{s} xl^{s} — xvij paire of flaxen shete iiij^{li} x^{s} — xxvj paire of canvas shete iij^{li} jx^{s} iiij^{d} — xviij pillowe beers jx^{s} — iiij flaxen bordclothes vj^{s} viij^{d} — vij round bordclothes vij^{s} — xxv bord napkins vj^{s} viij^{d} — iij flaxen towelle iij^{s} — ij large cupbord clothes fringed viij^{s} — three other cuppeberde clothes flaxen iij^{s} — one paire of lynnyn curtens iij^{s} iiij^{d} — Implemẽte for husbandrie ij corneweyns ij mucke weyns ij torvewenis one tumbrell cowpe xiiij^{s} — iij plowes and iiij paire of yrnes vij^{s} viij^{d} — vj teemys and ij pair of

clevis vij^{s} — vj yok$_{\wp}$ and ij . . . . . of yrne ij^{s} iiij^{d} — iij paire of whelis xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij harowes vj^{s} viij^{d} — iij sithis iij sicklis and one hooke iij^{s} — iiij spad$_{\wp}$ and one shoole xij^{d} — one cuttinge ax iij noger$_{\wp}$ and one chissell xvj^{d} — one hoomer and one paire of pynser$_{\wp}$ iiij^{d} — one torvespade ij^{d} — vj pair of tight$_{\wp}$ and ij weneroop$_{\wp}$ iij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij packe saddill$_{\wp}$ ij^{s} — ij yrne muckefork$_{\wp}$ one muckehoke and ij pitche fork$_{\wp}$ xvj^{d} — ij yrne wedg$_{\wp}$ and one framing saye xx^{d} — Thing$_{\wp}$ in the kylne and garñ iij grete arck$_{\wp}$ viij^{s} xxiiij^{s} — ij wyndooshet$_{\wp}$ xij^{d} — xj seck$_{\wp}$ vj^{s} viij^{d} — vj siffis vj^{d} one heare ij^{s} viij^{d} — Swyne vij hogg$_{\wp}$ iiij^{s} xxviij^{s} — ij sowes viij^{s} — one boore iiij^{s} — xiiij spennig$_{\wp}$ xvj^{d} xviij^{s} viij^{d} — Cornes of Myrescoghe and in other place$_{\wp}$ behynde Ribbill — in otes sawen at Mirescoghe xiiij acres xiij^{s} iiij^{d} ix^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — ij acres of barlie xx^{s} xl^{s} — ot$_{\wp}$ unsold in Sawerbie berne xxvj siff$_{\wp}$ iiij^{s} v^{li} iiij^{s} — xij mett$_{\wp}$ of barlie in the same berne xj^{d} xj^{s} — the cornes of Pulton solde and unsolde $\frac{xx^{li}}{iiij}$ ix^{s} viij^{d} — xix stoone of wull wthin the same pishe iiij^{s} viij^{d} iiij^{li} viij^{s} viij^{d} — the cornes of Fyshewicke viij^{li} ix^{s} iiij^{d} — the cornes of Hale and Bethum vij^{li} iiij^{d} — Behynde for the tithe cornes of Shinglehall late in the occupacion of Antonie Leyton lij^{s} vj^{d} — Behynd for wull and lambe in Gosenargh pishe xlvij^{s} j^{d} — the cornes of Litle Eccleston doe amount to v^{li} xvj^{s} x^{d} — the cornes of Esbrecke doe amount to xj^{li} ix^{s} v^{d}.

[Signed] Wiłłm Kenyon.

TESTAMENTUM GEORGII WIMISLEY IN LEGIBUS BACC.[1]

Pbatū corā Maģro Joñe Hanson &c. xxvj Februarii mccccclx° [1560–1.]

IN the name of the Father and of the Sone and of the Holye Goste three psons and one God Amen The xxv^tye day off Januarye in the yeare off owre Lord God secundum computacionem Ecclesie Anglicane a thowsand fyve hundrethe and three score and in the thryd yeare off the reygne off Queene Elyzabethe I George Wymysley bachelor off the law being off good and pfect remēbrāce (God be preysed) but sumwhat ponished w^th his gentyl rodde off correction by sicknes qui dat intellectū that knowing the comon fawlt off all mākynd quod cōstitutū est omnibus mori the day howre tyme and place unto us most uncerteyne and therffore admonyshed by owre Saviowr Christe vigilare and to be in a redines calling also to remēbrance the message doñe by the pffet off God and browght to good Kynge Ezechyas — Dispone domui tue quia morieris — being a passenger in thys stormye and mutable world by the space off eyght and ffyftye yeares at this p̄sent doe make my testamēt and last wyll as hereafter ensuethe ffyrst and principal I cōmend and be-

[1] George Wylmysley or Wilmslow or Savage, illegitimate son of George Savage, Rector of Davenham, was brother of John Wilmslow Archdeacon of Middlesex, and half brother of Bonner the Bishop of London. He was appointed Chancellor of Chester in the time of Henry VIII., and, though a priest, he married. During the reign of Edward VI. he conformed to the changes then introduced. In 1555 he condemned to the flames George Marsh the Martyr, a native of Deau. At the accession of Queen Elizabeth, by complying with the altered state of things, he retained his office of Chancellor and other emoluments, and dying in February 1560–1, finished his disreputable career avowing in his last will his adherence to the Church of Rome. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 527; Strype's *Mem.* vol. iii. part i. p. 173; *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. i. p. 23.

quethe my sowle to the handes off almightye God desyringe the blessed Virgin Marye mother off owr Lord Jesus Christ withe all the whole celestial companye to prey ffor me that I may be one off the elect and chosen to heare that most blessed and joyfful voyse Venite benedicti patris mei throwghe the merites off Christes passion my Saviowr and Redemer And that I by the assistannce off Goddes grace do not hearafter and especiallye at the howre off my deathe do not swarve ffrom the unitye off the ffeythe off his katholicke and apostolicall churche w^{ch} now I doe beleve in my hert and p̄fesse w^{t} my mowthe by these p̄sent̄ my bodye to be buried in christian buryall at the discrecion off myne executrix w^{t} also the moderate charges off my ffunerall̄ And that there showld no stryeff nor variance aryse betwixt my children or anye other ffor my goodes w^{ch} to the world wold be slanderous that the were evyll gotten seing that hitherto I have to my power traded and brought up my childrē in virtue and learning to my great costes and charges and intend by Goddes grace so to doe during my lyffe wherewithe the owght off righte to be cōtented and accept that ffor there portion off gooddes althoughe I lefft none other thinges to theme as I trust I wyll ffor the ffatherlye love the showld beare unto me And under the peyne off ingratitude and the losse off those thinges wiche I shall hearafter bequethe them whosoever off them is abowte to vexe moleste or troble myne executrix or otherwyse to alter or enfringe this my last wyll Therffore conserning my goodes I wyll bequethe and leave all and singuler the same w^{t} dettes catalles howshold stuffe and all other that is myne at the tyme off my deathe saving soche as I wyll bequethe heareaffter to my deare beloved wyffe Elleyn she to have and enjoy all this same during her naturall lyffe to the meyntenāse off her poore howse and ffynding off her comen childrē to learning as ffar ffowrthe as her power wyll extend and to the p̄ffarmēt off her dowghter Jones mariage iff she be not holpē by me in my liffe tyme the remeāder off all suche goodes affter the decesse off my seyd wyffe

to suche owr comē childrē equalle to be devided amongest them wch at that tyme are not ꝑfferred to anye lyving or ꝓmotion spirituall or temporall saving alwayes that suche legacyes as I appoynt especiallye hereafter shall come in no devision but the partyes whome I assigne affter the desesse off my seyd wyffe to have there severall bequestes and legasies wch are these To my eldest sone Thomas syxe off my best sylver spoones and syxe other off the meaner sort wth a salt and cover off sylver and a sylver pease ij ffether beddes ij matarasses or quilke beddes wth the bolsters blankettes therto appteyning and my second best covering wt ffowr peyre off sheetes two standing beddes wt there sylinges and the second best carpet ffor the table wt all the hengginges in the howse or chambers except those wch hereaffter I wyll despose sixe platters off the older sort and sixe off the newer sixe sawserrs the best basson and ewer wth the best pott and the best panne three broches and a peyr off cobbertes wth the leade in the ffowrnes and suche iron bowne weynes as he shall ffynd at the howse affter his mothers desease wth all the ffuell wood or tymber there then remeyning Also I bequethe to the seyd Thomas the tearme off the yeares that I have in the Regestership off the Dioses off Chester unexpired wt all my state and interest therin and the patent theroff grantyd to me and my assignes by the late Reverēd ffather in God Jhon Bishopp off Chester and confyrmed by the Deane and Chapter off the cathedrall churche off Chester as be the same hit wyll appeare whome I make myne assiginnge ffor that office desyring also his mother ffor because he is the eldest and shall keape howse at her deathe to remember him wt other howshold stuffe iff he be to her kynde and a loving sunne Item I bequethe to my sunne George sixe other off my best sylver spoones having the letter G grave uppon them wt my stāding cuppe off sylver duble gylded wt one ffetherbed matterasse bolster blākettes and thrid best covering wt ij peare off fflaxen sheetes wt the thrid best carpet The wch George I geave also and bequethe one advowson that I have off the psonage off Warton in Ches-

shire and also the ffyrst advowson off the next vacation off the ꝑsonage off Westekyrkbye in Wyrrall ffor his ꝑffermēt to be delyvered to the seyd George immediatlye affter the deathe off his mother or beffore iff anye off theme chance to be vacāt and he so ꝑfferred I onerate his cōsciens to deale yearlye vj^{s} viij^{d} to poore ffolkes to pray especiallye ffor my solle his mothers and all others that I was bowden to prey ffor Item I bequethe and geave to my darling and best beloved off all his breether as another Josephe my sone Edmond[1] a gylted spoone one ffetherbed and a quylt bed w^{t} bolster and blankett^{ꝙ} two peyre off the ffynest sheetes the best and largest covering w^{t} the best carpet ffor the table and my best table clothe off dyapur w^{t} a rynge off gold that was his uncles and godffatheres signet having these letters J V gravē in hit to prey ffor his soole and myne And ffurthermore not mistrusting but that my seyd sone Edmund wyll serve God endevowr vertue and be a learned mā and off the spiritualtye I have ordeyned and ꝑpared ffor him ij advowsons w^{ch} I geave and bequethe unto hym that is the advowson off the ꝑsonage off Astburye being de claro a hundrethe m^{ꝑ}k^{ꝙ} by the yeare and the advowson off the archedecōrye off Chester w^{ch} is ffyfftye powndes by the yeare and Goddes blessing and myne that he lykewyse in whome God hathe powred his gyfftes abundātlye conversus aliquādo poterit aliquādo cōfirmare fratres suos w^{ch} being yongest sone oñe [*sic*] yet I leave him as a parēt to thē all and especiallye to his godson and cosin Jhon Savage that having these levinges he doe bring him up vertuusle and godlye and keape him to learning and to deale yearlye ffor my soole and his mothers and all others that I was bownde to prey ffor to the poore tenne shillinges To the w^{ch} Edmond and George I bequethe all my bookes off the law equalle to be devided betwixt thē saving that I wyll Edmond have the cowrse off Barthall hollye

[1] 1572, June 7. Edmund Wilmesley M.A., nominated Rector of Tattenhall by Ellen, widow of George Wilmesley, late Chancellor, by the resignation of Ralph Wilmesley.— *Chester Registry.*

to his owne pper use Also I desyer and intyerlye requier my seyd wyff to keape my base sone Thomas to scoole till he be a priest iff he wyll be ruled by her or els in discharge off my cōscience w^{ch} I am assured she wyll not suffer to be in danger iff he wyll depart ffrō her and be a prētise to geave him a ffetherbed w^{t} all thinges belonginge to a bedd and xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} in monye to be levitt off all my goodes ffor I receaved x^{li} off his mother ffor his use desiring and requiring my welbeloved sone George Baker to take him to him or els to gett him a honest m^{r} and to see his litle stocke sett ffourthe and applied to his best use but he may reseave the samme affter his prētiship is expired to the w^{ch} George Baker I geave and bequethe my signet off gold having these letters G and W gravē to keepe the same ffor a remēbrance off me and to pray ffor my soole I bequethe to the seyd George also one double ducket off gold ffurthermore my wyll is that iff my base sone Thomas be or wyll be priest that then when the beniffyse off Tattnall is voyde whosoever hathe at that tyme my lease off the ffarme off the seyd psonage off Tattnall shall psent hym therto and iff in my wyffe tyme she keape hym to learning that he be preest and come to anye pffermēt that then the legacye off xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} beffore mēcioned to be voyde and he to have a gowne and other apparell w^{t} the bed beffore mencioned w^{t} one great sylver spoone and likewise iff I in my lyfe tyme doe sett fforthe the [said] Thomas w^{t} a stocke to the valew off xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} then this legacye to be voyde saving his bedd and the sylver spoone Item I bequethe to my dawghter Jone a ffether bed matterasse and all other thinges therto belonging w^{t} two peare off sheetes two sylver spoones w^{t} other thinges that I leave her mother to provyde ffor p̄farmēt off her mariage iff she wyll be honestlye ruled and gyded by her Also I geave and bequethe to Jhon Astbroke and Mold his wyff and to ether off theme one old angell ffurthermore that my seyd wyff may the better pfforme these thinges beffore mencioned I geave wyll and bequethe to her all and singuler my estate tearme and interest that I

have in ffarmes off the psonage off Castelston and the vicariche theroff' w^{t} all and synguler the revenewes issues and pfettes arising and coming theroff' w^{ch} I let nowe to my brother Thomas he paying me therfore yearlye discharging all charges ix^{li} x^{s} de claro and all the munimēt$\wp$ and wrytinges to the same belonginge to have hold and enjoy the p̄misses w^{t} the appurtnāses to her the seyd Elleyn induring the seyd interest or tearme off yeares iff she so longe doe lyve and iff she dye w^{t} in the seyd tearme or tearmes then I wyll the remāder off the tearme and tearmes off yeares unexpired off the ffarmes off the psonage and vicarage of Castilton w^{t} all my estate tytle and interest in the same to my eldest sone Thomas uppō condicion that he the seyd Thomas his executors and assignes do ffynd sufficientlye his innocēt brother Jhon during his naturall lyffe w^{t} meate drinke and clothe and to cherishe him remēbring that he is his brother uppō my blessing and as he wyll avoyde the indignation off Almightye God and iff my sone Thomas refuse this to doe to his brother Jhon then I wyll this legacye to be voyde ffrom that tyme fforward and to revert and occurre to other off hys breethrē that wyll ffynd there brother Jhon as beffore is mencioned desyring all my chyldrē uppon Goddes behalff and my blessing to tender and not neglect there innocent brother ffurthermore I geave and bequethe to my seyd wyff Elleyn my interest tytel and tearme off yeares that I have by lease off and in the psonage off Tattnall w^{t} all the comodityes and pfettes arising and growing theroff discharging all charges yff she so longe doe lyve the remeander off the tearme and tearmes off yeares affter her dissease w^{t} all my estate tytle and interest to the same together w^{t} the lease off the seyd ffarme to my eldest sone Thomas and his assignes ffurthermore where I have mayd annuetye off xx m$\wp$k$\wp$ yearlye granted to me and my assignes fforthe off the archediacōrye off Chester by M^{r} Robert Persivall incūbent off the same during his naturall lyffe and incūbencye to be payd at towe usall tearmes off the yeare as by his writinges theroff cōffect hit may and wyll appeare

Item I geve wyll and bequethe the seyd annuety off xx^tie m^9k^e affter my decease to my fforseyd wyffe Elleyn to the me^ytenāse off hyr seyd charges during her naturall lyffe whome I make and appoynt my assigne off the reseaving off the seyd annuetye at the tearmes therin appoynted and affter her desease the seyd annuetye off xx^tie m^9k^e I wyll geave and bequethe to my sonnes George and Edmond joyntlye whome I make and appoynt my assignes ffor that purpose to receave the p̄fettes theroff iff the seyd George and Edmond be then lyving or not p̄moted at that tyme to anye spirituall or temporall living off the sume of xx^li and in case anye off them two other be dead or else p̄moted as beffore is seyd then I wyll and bequethe his part so dead or p̄moted to my sone Thomas Savage other wyse called Thomas Hope ffor becawse he was borne there whome I appoynt myne assigne ffor the cleame off the moytye off the seyd annewetye and iff hyt chance bothe George and Edmond to dye or els to be p̄moted as beffore is mensioned during the seyd annewetye off xx^tie m^9k^e dew to me and my assignes then I wyll bequethe and assigne the seyd annewytye off xx^tie m^9k^e joyntlye to be reseaved by my seyd sone Thomas Savage alias Hope and Jhon Savage my nephew sone off my brother Jhon Savage late Archdeacon off Chester the w^ch Jhon I geave also and bequethe a ffetherbed w^th all thinges therunto belonging to make it a cōplete bed ffinallye my mynd and wyll is that iff anye off my sayde children be deade beffore he reseave any legacyes to him by me bequethed then I wyll his part or portion to be devided amongest my other children equallye w^ch have at that tyme no p̄motions or els to the poorest off them at the descretion mynd and pleasure off my most dearest and worshipffull m^r and ffrend Sir Philipp Egerton knight saving and p̄vided alweys that iff my eldest sone Thomas chance to dye beffore he reseave and enjoye the [*sic*] off the regestershyp off the dioces off Chester or the ffarmes off the p̄sonage and vicorage off Castelton and off the p̄sonage off Tattnall then the seyd office and ffarmes I assigne and appoynt by this my

last wyll and testament to his brother George yff he then be living to have and enjoy the same accordinglye to all inttentes w^th^ the cōdicion to ffynd hys brothir Jhon as is beffore seyd and iff the seyd George be not then lyvinge then I bequethe the same to my sone Edmond and in deffault off hym to my sone Thomas [Savage] alias Hope and lastlye ffor lacke off them to Jhon Astbroke and Mode his wyffe w^th^ all my state tytel and interest scriptes and wrytinges therunto belonging w^th^ the condicion assigned to them all to ffynd the poore innocent my sone Jhon Also I geave and bequethe to Thomas Hall iff he then be in my servyse at the tyme off my departyng xx^s^ and to everye off my servāt men and wemen xx^d^ a pece and to my cheffe servant that waytes uppon me v^s^ over and besyde his quarters wages that he is entred in Item I geave and bequethe to my trustye ffrend M^r^ Doctor Wall my best jacket that I have at that tyme ffor a remembrance and to Syr Robert Damold ꝑsone off Handlaye one old angell and to Syr Richard Dod yff he serve the cure off Tattnall at the tyme off my departing vj^s^ viij^d^ and ffor the ꝑformance off this my last wyll and testament I constitute ordeyne and nominate my deare and welbeloved wyff Elleyn my sole and onelye executrix theroff to whome as by the lawes ffor manye and sondrye consideracions I remitt and disburden hyr ffor making anye invēctorye off my goodes dettes and cattals also off making anye accownse theroff to the ordenarye not to the intent therbye any ꝑsone shuld be deffrawded and therffore iff I dye and be buried in anye plase wherby the ecclesiasticall lawes and statutes off this realme I am bownden to pey my mortuarye then I wyll ffor my seyd mortuarye to be payd x^s^ to whome hit is dew and I wyll to the seyd ordenarye that ꝑvoes this my wyll x^s^ ffor becase in my tyme I have gotten by lyke offyse my lyving also to the regester ffor the wryting and his ffeese other x^s^ ffinallye I desyre my right worshipffull mayster and ffrend Syr Philipp Egerton knight whome in my lyffe tyme I have so moche loved and trusted off this my last wyll and testament to be the over-

seer and a patron and eyder to my wyffe that she susteyne no wronge wch ffor the assured love that he lykewyse did beare to me I am serteyne he wyll so doe and ffor becawse that I never hard yet he deseaved anye ꝑson that did put his trust in him to whome ffor a remẽbrãce I lave a dowble ducket and one angelet to my good ladye hys wyff ffurthermore I require all my fforseyd children as the are bownden by Goddes cõmandmẽt and naturallye to be kynd loving obedient helping and eyding there mother as the wyll avoyde Goddes displeasure and the infamye off the worlde and thus doing I leve and bequethe them Goddes blessing and myne pease and quietnes and increase off the world wch God off his mere goodnes doe cõffyrme to whome be honowr and glorye world wthowte [end] Amen And ffor the trewe acknoleging that this is my last wyll devised off me off my owne volunt wthowte allewrnẽt envegling or ꝑcuremẽt off anye ꝑson or ꝑsons I doe subscribe my owne hand wch is well knowen wth my name to the same wth Jesus Marya at the beginning and sealing the same wth my signet having the letters G and W graven in hit Also my mynd and wyll is that mayster Jhon Cheetam shall have and enjoy peasablye the excersise off the office off the regestership off Chester wth all cõmodityes therunto belonginge ffor the residow off the yeares that shall chanse affter my desease to be unexpired accordinge to the bargeyne betwixte us towe made and ffurthermore one hole yeare affter my gyfft discharging the offyce and paying ffor that yeare to him that shall be regester then vjli xiijs iiijd.

In Dei noïe Amen Wheare the mynd off man and especiallye the sicknes is oblivius to put all thinges in ꝑffect state wherffore I George Wynisley off Tattnall in the cowntye off Chester ffergetting to incert certeyne thinges in my testamẽt beffore made therffor I the seyd George the xvj day off ffebruarye in the thrid yeare off owre sovereygne ladye Queene Elyzabethe do make thys ꝑsent codicell wch I wyll to be part and ꝑcell off my last wyll and testament Videlt that

where there is granted to me the seyd George by the late Reverend ffather in God Jhon Byrd then Bishopp off Chester under his great seale and confyrmed by the Deane and Chapiter under there com̄on seale as hit may appeare by patent off regestershipp off Chester wth a searteyne annewetye and ffye off iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to me the seyd George and myne assignes ffor tearme off yeares in the seyd patent mencioned I the seyd George affter my desease make and nominate my welbeloved wyffe Elyn myne assignes ffor reseaving off the seyd annewetye or ffie off iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} during the tearme conteyned in the seyd patent yff she so longe doe lyve and affter her desease I nominate constitute and ordeyne Thomas Savage the elder my sone myne assigne ffor the reseaving and enjoying off the seyd ffie off iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} together wth the patent theroff conffect and made in wytnes wheroff I have subscribed my name to this codicell and sealed the same the day and yeare above mencioned in the p̄sense off the witnesses folowyng w^{ch} have subscribed there names to the same ffurthermore my mynd and wyll is by this my p̄sent codicell that iff any dowte ambiguetye or variense ryse betwixt my wyff and her children or betwixt my children theyre selves ffor and conserning division off goodes or anye part or psell conteyned in my wyll and testament that then the all shall stand and abyde ffullye to the determination and order off the right worshipfull mayster Sir Philipp Egerton knight to whome I geave my full power and awctoretye as muche as the law wyll suffer me therin.

Richard Dod curate de Tattnall Jhon Astbroke Thomas Payne scriptor hujus codicilli Thomas Hall.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CLARKE DEAN OF CHESTER.[1]

IN Dei noïe Amen In the yeare off owre Lord God mccccc and xlj and the xiiijth day off September I syr Thom̃s Clearke deane off the cathedrall churche off Chryst w^{t}in the citye off Chester hole off mynd and sycke in bodye make my last wyll and testamẽt in fforme and maner folowing ffyrst and principallye I bequethe my sole unto Almightye God creator and maker off this world owr Ladye Seynt Marye and unto all the hollye companye off heavẽ and my bodye to be buryed beffore the highe altare w^{t}in the quire off y^{e} seyd cathedrall churche Also I wyll and bequethe that my ffunerall costes and charges be made off my whole goodes Also I wyll and bequethe unto iiij daughters my systers chyldren and to everye one off theme towardꝙ there mariage xx^{li} Also I wyll &c. to Richard Broster my systers sone to his owne use and ffurtherãce xxx^{li} Also I wyll that my lord Bishopp off Chester Jhon Byrd have the ꝑffarment in bying my best bed w^{ch} I lye and the bed w^{t}in the second chãber wth hangings abowte the same doing thereffore as an other wyll doe Also I wyll &c. the rest off my goodes movable and unmovable wthin the syte off the cathedrall churche off Chester at the manor off Ince or other where wth plate bedding and all apper̃nãses therto to be at the disposition off myne executors Also I wyll y^{t} my executors shall receave all my detts and therew^{t} pay my dettes and the rest to be at there disposition and ordre ffor the ꝑffett off my sowle healthe Also I bequethe to my servãtꝙ wholye whose names be herin con-

(1) No date of probate. He was the last abbot of the monastery of St. Werburgh, Chester, and at the Dissolution was appointed first dean of the newly formed cathedral. If he died soon after the making of this will, and unfortunately there is no date of the probate, he must have held the office of dean for a very brief period. The manor house at Ince was a residence of the abbots of St. Werburgh.

teined and to everye off theme iff my goodes wyll extend and amount thereunto xl^{s} a peace off theme or els ꝑporcionallye as hit wyll stretche by the discretion off my executors ffyrst to Rawff Leftwiche Wiłłm Bryne Robert Hope gentylmen Wylliam Mayhow Thomas Wryght Jhon Mason Thom̄s Parker Thom̄s Gose Wiłłm Vernā Edward Griffytht Hughe Haye Henrye Richardson Thom̄s Banyon Henry Bankes Henrye Abraham, Wiłłm Crosbye Robert ap Wiłłm Christopher Bersey Matthew Wryght Richard Banke shepard Thom̄s Jaynsoon and Robert Wylson And thus I make constitute and appoynt to execute and ꝑforme this my last wyll and testament and all other wylles ꝑmises and fformer bequestes beinge voide Jhon Bothe gentyman Doctor Wylliam Wallen Syr Jhon Huet and Syr Thom̄s Radfford ꝑbendaries off the cathedrall churche in Chester affore my lawfful executors to execute and ꝑforme this my last wyll and testament according to the tenowr theroff iff my goodes wyll extend thereunto In ꝑsence and being witnesse Wylliam Goodman alderman off the Citye in Chester Robert Hope Thom̄s Wright Wiłłm Baxter Edward Griffithe Jhon Mason Elisabethe Offley Jone Broster and Alls Amerye wth others moe Written the day and yeare above specyffied.

Inventorium Thome Clarke Decani Cest. W^{t}in the Deanes chamber Imprimis a covering ij blankett^{s} a bolster ij pillowes one fether bed one woll bed a tesser off whyte say and greene wth cowrteynes off sarsenet xl^{s} A henging of arasse x^{s} a henging off greene sey over worne with iij peynted clothes vj^{s} viij^{d} one ffolding table not coloryd vj^{s} viij^{d} one other ffolding table coloryd vj^{s} viij^{d} one weyscote cubbord vj^{s} viij^{d} a presse iij^{s} iiij^{d} a looking glasse xij^{d} an olde worne carpet iij^{s} iiij^{d} ij fformes with ij bankers xij^{d} Summa iiij^{li} xxiij^{d} W^{t}in a chest w^{t}in the same chamber Imprimis ij dosen kanvas napkins iiij^{s} vj diapur napkins iij^{s} a dyapur towel conteyninge iij yard^{s} old worne xij^{d} a soche lyke dyapur towell xij^{d} iij yeardes and a halff of calise

clothe xxj^{d} vij canvasse sheetes x^{s} one tabul clothe off canvas xvj^{d} one tabul clothe off dyapur coteyninge iiij yeard$_{\text{q}}$ off clothe and a halffe being old worne iij^{s} a yeard off red velvet x^{s} in new cowrtens off red and grene sey wth a valense ffor the same xvj^{s} viij^{d} a tesser w^{t} iij corteynes off red and greene sey old worne vj^{s} viij^{d} ij peaces off red and greene say xxvj^{s} viij^{d} a new covering xxvjs viij^{d} ij surplesses old and over worne iij^{s} iiij^{d} Summa v^{li} xv^{s} j^{d} W^{t}in the second chāber It̄ a fflocke bed one ffetherbed one covering a bolster a coverlet and a tesser xx^{s} the hangins there iii^{s} iiij^{d} in coaffurs v^{s} Summa xxviij^{s} iiij^{d} W^{t}in the chapell Imprimis a covering off verdur vj^{s} viij^{d} an other off verdur wth ij images vj^{s} viij^{d} an other off verdur wth conies and bridds vj^{s} viij^{d} an other off verdur w^{t} bryddes v^{s} an other covering w^{t} stories vj^{s} viij^{d} an other patched covering w^{t} a unicorne iij^{s} a carpet clothe off deysyes iij^{s} iij ffether bedd$_{\text{q}}$ w^{t} bolsters ffor servāts not halff stuffed w^{t} ffethers xxiiij^{s} iij small pillowes and a large pillow off dawne iiij^{s} ij woll bedds x^{s} ij mattresses v^{s} ij ffustian blanketts old worne iij^{s} iiij^{d} vij coverlett$_{\text{q}}$ old worne xiiij^{s} ij whyte flegge blanketts vj^{s} viij^{d} a carpet ffor a cupbord xij^{d} a cownter clothe vjd ix carpet quishions old worne xij^{s} verdur quishions old worne vj^{s} a jackett off damaske xl^{s} gowne ffaced wth damaske xl^{s} a cope ffor the quire lyned wth chageable sasenet xxvj^{s} viij^{d} a cloke ffaced wth velvet xx^{s} vj gownes distributed to his kynsffolke and ffrendes ij peyre off hose and ij jackett$_{\text{q}}$ distributed in like case x^{li} x^{s} x^{d} Wthin a blacke chest in the second chamber An old grey amesse and a rochet x^{s} a new grey amesse and a greyt surplesse iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} ij old diapur towels ij^{s} a peyr off sheetes ij^{s} viij^{d} a shurt xx^{d} an English bibel vj^{s} viij^{d} xij yeard$_{\text{q}}$ off linen clothe iiij^{s} a pere off old sheetes xx^{d} a garnishe off new vessell xxiiij^{s} ij porredge dishes v^{s} vj pewter trenches ij^{s} iij bassens iij ewers and one charger iij^{s} a typpet of taffeta x^{s} a new capp v^{s} a new weynscote bed xl^{s} ij carpettes Englishe warke iiij^{s} Summa ix^{li} ix^{s} Plate ij ale cuppes weying xiiij unces and dimid x^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} a white boll wth a cover xxxviij owunces iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} an

other small whyte peace xj ownces xxxvj^{s} viij^{d} vij spoones ij off theme gylt xiij ownces and dimid xlv^{s} a chaffing dishe off sylver and ij spoones wth other broken sylver xxx unces and dimid v^{li} xx^{d} a neest of goblett^{s} wth a cover gylt xl unces and dimid xij^{li} iij^{s} x^{d} a standinge cuppe wth a cover gylt xxviij unces and dimid v^{li} iiij^{s} ij^{d} an other standing cuppe wth a cover gylt xxv unces iiij^{li} xj^{s} viij^{d} a salt wth a cover gylt xiij unces x^{li} vij^{s} viij^{d} a small chalesse wth a cover psell gylt xiij unces xxvj^{s} x beydes sylver iij^{s} iiij^{d} vj ringes sylver and gylt base gold wth christal stones a chalesse wth a patent dowble gylt xxviij unces and dimid v^{li} iiij^{s} ij^{d} a pax sylver and gylt ffull off sowder iij unces x^{s} a pax sylver and gylt vij^{s} vj^{d} Within the wyne celler It^{m} a greyt pott v^{s} ij chaldrens v^{s} iij small pottes v^{s} W^{t}in the ffleshe howse It^{m} a greyt pott iij^{li} a new grate off iron x^{s} ij goggins off brasse vj^{s} viij^{d} ij rackes ij broches v^{s} a gyrd iron and a ffleshe hooke xvj^{d} ij ffyre fforkes a shoe and a peare off tonges iij^{s} iiij^{d} one pulli off brasse ij^{s} ij old great laund irons v^{s} ij smal laund irons ij^{s} a plymmars hammer and a peyre off boltes xvj^{d} a long brādert and a grate v^{s} certeine leade after iiij^{s} y^{e} C xx^{s} an hoggshed off salt iij^{s} a peare off bellowes ij^{d} a barrell [of] chalke xvj^{d} ij great coaffers vj^{s} viij^{d} a beestocke viij^{d} a dowble racke xx^{d} a ..... off wood xxvj^{s} viij^{d} xx^{tye} score off coles xxvj^{s} viij^{d} xx^{tye} lodes off good hey affter iij^{s} y^{e} lode iij^{li} xviij lodes off hey affter xx^{d} a lode xxx^{s} a saddel bridel and harnesse v^{s} a bey gelding xxx^{s} a white gelding xiij^{s} iiij^{d} v lodes off hey affter iij^{s} iiij^{d} xvj^{s} viij^{d} corne w^{t}in y^{e} barne off Chester Bowghton barne and the demeanes off Saghton x^{li} Contentes w^{t}in a coffer at Hughe Aldersey howse A boxe conteyning evidenses ij albes and amys broderyd x^{s} a dalmatyke off balkynd sylke x^{s} a velvet vestment red wth a crosse off gold xxvj^{s} viij^{d} a stole and a phanon xij^{d} a blew tynacle ij^{s} a vestment off whyte sarsenett vj^{s} viij^{d} a towell off dyapur ij^{s} ij rochetts ij^{s} At Ince viij score and xiiij wedders at ij^{s} a peace xv^{li} viij^{s} L hogges v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} xj score ewes and tuppes xv^{li} v score and xij lambes at viij^{d} a peace iij^{li} xiiij^{s} viij^{d} one

mare w^t a colt ..... ij stagges att xxviij^s ij old horses one w^t a broken legge and an other blynd vj^s viij^d henginges there ij^s viij^d vj quishens viij^s one cownter vj^s viij^d one other cownter v^s an other ffowle stagge x^s an old mare and a colt xvj^s a presse x^s a cownter clothe xvj^d iiij bed cases vj^s one cow xiij^s fformes and tressyls vj^d v candelstickes iij^s ffyre wood and turve xxxij^s iiij^d ij lodes off canel v^s lyme viij bushel ij^s viij^d old leyde xx^d ij pullis ij^s tymber theire ix^s ffor hey theire ij^{li} xij^s iiij^d ffor a stonne woll v^s v stone lockes affter iij^s iiij^d xvj^s viij^d a mare xj^s a horse and a mare xxiiij^s iiij^d an other mare xiij^s iiij^d ffor xxviij stone off woll ix^{li} xvj^d roppe and leade being in Hughe Alderseys hand xxvj^s viij^d Other stuffe in diverse plases preysed as folowythe A cope off redd velvett xl^s a vestment and ij tinacles off red velvet iij^{li} broken sylver xxix unces sold to M^r Dutton v^{li} xx^d a iron bownd cart w^t new treises ij^{li} xv ..... off slates ij^{li} a gowne off russet new ffurryd w^t lambe and conye liij^s iiij^d serteyne ringes w^t greyt stones xxv^s in redye money at his departing lxj^{li} ij^s

Sperat dettes as ffolowithe dew to the seyd Syr Thom̄s Clarke at his departing lyke to be reseaved Syr Jhon Hewet clearke ffor the Easter roll off the parsonage off Seynt Oswaldes vj^{li} Henrye Richardson owethe ffor the ꝑfetts off the churche ffor one hole yeare x^{li} xvj^s ij^d Raff Goodmā owethe ffor halff a yeares rent off the tythes off Dye mylnes l^s Hughe Broster and his wyffe owethe ffor the yeres rent off the tythes and ꝑffetts off Wyrvyn vij^{li} Hughe Aldersay owythe ffor money lent xxiiij^{li} The same Hughe ffor money reseaved off M^r Manwaring x^{li} Henrye Bunberye gentylmā iiij^{li} M^r Buxce p̄bendarye iij^{li} Thomas Cottinghā off Ledsam xix^s ij^d Davye Myddelton ffor M^r Calvelye iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Willm Leghe off Yrbye xx^s Richard Chawntrell ffor an oxe xviij^s Willm Ball and Margaret Wederall iij^{li} vj^s ij^d James Stonely off Seylton v^s Rob^t Huntington of the plym yerdes ix^{li} Syr Thom̄s Newton ffor an ames xl^s The same Syr Thom̄s

ffor money lent iij^{s} Myles Newton ffor money lent xx^{s} Raff Leftwiche by a byll off his hand x^{li} Y^{e} same Raff ffor rerages off accow̃ptes ffor his bayliwicke as appeareth by M^{r} Wysemans hand wryting iij^{li} iiij^{s} v^{d} The same Raff ffor money lent to Bostocke iiij^{s} iiij^{d} Rob^{t} Hope ffor his bayliwicke iiij^{s} Wiłłm Bryne ffor rerages off his bayliwicke xlvj^{s} viij^{d} Thom^{s} Wright ffor his bayliwicke x^{s} iiij^{d} ob̄ The Deane and Canons off Chester oweth ffor the charges off the erection off the seyd College Cxlj^{li} Hughe Broster and his wyffe owethe ffor xl and xij bushells off barle at xv^{d} the b^{s}̄ iiij^{li} x^{s} The sayd Hughe and his wyff ffor xxxvj teethe lambes at x^{d} a peace xxx^{s} The same man ffor v stone off tyethe woll at v^{s} iiij^{d} the stone xxvj^{s} viij^{d} Y^{e} Deane and Canons owethe uppon accow̃pt hiij^{li} xij^{s} Dyvers other men ffor mortuaries abowte xxx^{s} M^{r} Wyllia̅ Sneyde ix^{li} M^{r} Smyth parson off Burye x^{li} Randul Manwaring off Swanlow xxx^{li} more certeine ringes and quishions and other stuffe w^{t} redye monye xl^{s} w^{ch} money and other stuff were gyffe to his too systers and his ffrendes not preysed.

Imprimis ffor ffunerall expc̄ses abowt the burial off the testator xl^{li} xij^{s} ij^{d} Owing to the kinges highnes and to y^{e} deane and chanons as appearetht by a debet ffyned w^{t} M^{r} Wysema̅s hand and hanging in the alditors bookes off w^{ch} debethe part is alowed to the Deane and Canons by reason off the kinges gyfft in their detacion and ptinet discharged as appereth by the awditors booke CCxxxvj^{li} Owing to the Deane and Canons ffor the whole yeares rent off the psonage off Seynt Oswaldes wiche the executors have payd and alowed to the Deane and Canons and ffor recōpence thereoff the corne and other pffetts is charged in the invc̄torye as by the seyd inventorye wyll appeare lxxij^{li} xij^{s} vj^{d}

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS HOLT OF GRISTLEHURST, KNT.

IN the name of God Amen I Sir Thom̄s Holt off Gryselhurst in the cowntye off Lancaster knight beinge whole in bodye and off good and perffect remembrance thankes lawde and preyse be unto almyghtye God yet pceavinge and concideringe that death is to everye person at Goddes wyll and pleasure most comon and uncerteyn and offten tymes [men] sodenlye betaken out off this transitorye world no wyll disposition nor order off their landes goodes and cattalls or onye thinges wherewth they be charged dysposyd made or declaryd by reason whereof offten tymes great stryffe and variance dothe growe and ryse and their dutyes and dettes be not payd Thereffore I the sayd Syr Thom̄s Holt knyght the xij day off ffebruarye in the yeare off owr Lord God a thowsand fyve hundretht threescore and tooe and in the fowrth yeare off the reygne off owr sovereygne ladye Elyzabeth &c. ffyrst and pryncipallye wyllinge the wealth and health off my sowle and to have yt prayd ffor affter my deceasse and departure off my bodye ffrom this transitorye lyffe And secondly wyllinge and desyringe the p̄ffarment and settinge fforthe off my wyffe chyldren and others doe thereffore make and declare my testament and last wyll &c. ffirst I bequeth my soule unto almyghtye God my Creator and Redemer and trustinge in the merites off Chrystes death passion and bludshed to be one off those y^{t} shall be savyd at the great generall day off judgement and my bodye to be buryed wheare yt shall please almyghtye God Item I geave and bequetht to the ornamentes off Burye churche iij^{s} iiij^{d} Item I geave unto eyght poore ffolke ev̄y off theym one gowne whyte or blacke immediatlye affter the departure off my lyffe And the sayd poore ffolke to be off the poorest off my tenanntes wthin the parishes off Burye Mydleton and Rache-

dale by my executors yff I doe not appoynt theym in my lyffe tyme and y^{t} everye off the sayd poore ffolkes to have geaven by my sayd executors everye off theym iiij^{d} I geave &c. unto ffrancis Holt my sone and heyre one damaske gowne a saten jaket wth sleeves and my cheyne off golde And also I geave unto the sayd ffrances and to soche heyres males as shall hereaffter dwell at my house off Grystelhurste or in anye other place all maner off artyllerye or harneysse as jack salett whyte harnesse w^{t} my flagge and pensyll w^{ch} hatht my armes and badge uppon accordinge as yt was appoyntyd me off the kynge off harawldes Item I geave unto the sayd ffrances Holt my tent and tent polle wth all iron ware and ropes to the sayd tent belonginge Item yt ys my full mynde that the sayd damaske gowne saten jaket cheane off gold w^{t} all kynd off harnesse as ys afforesayd shall be delyveryd unto the sayd ffrances immediatelye affter the death off me the sayd S^{r} Thom$^{\text{a}}$s Holt Item I geave &c. unto the sayd ffrances Holt one sylver salt wth a cover dowble gylte a pounse bolle peell gylt ix sylver spoones called the apostells spoones a ffurnesse off leade wth dyverse stone trowes keyres and arkes standinge in the backehowse brewhouse and larder howse I geave &c. unto the sayd ffrances Holt all arkes keyres and sawed bowrdes wth other chyste ware and tymber y^{t} ys now or at anye tyme off my deathe shalbe in the kylne what maner off tymber so ever yt be uppon condition that Dame Dorothye my wyffe shall occupye the same durynge all her lyffe and y^{t} affter the decesse off the sayd Dame Dorothye my mynd ys the peell as ys afforesayd shall remeyne unto the sayd ffrances Holt and hys heyres as heyrelomes Item I wyll &c. y^{t} affter the death off me the sayd Syr Thom$^{\text{a}}$s Holt and Dame Dorothye my wyffe all kynde off bedstockes with hanginges ffor the same to remeyne and be heyre lomes at my howse or wheare the sayd heyres males shall dwell for ever Item I geave &c. unto Dame Dorothye my wyffe my best geldinge Item I geave unto ffrances Holt my sone my second best geldinge Item I geave unto Raffe Holt my yonger sone my thryd best geldinge Item

I geave unto Thom̄s Holt sone off the sayd ffrances Holt my ffowrtht best geldinge Item I wyll that my executors shall delyver unto my aunte Annes yerelye durynge her liffe xl^{s} Item I geave unto Mawde Barlowe my sisters dawghter xl^{s} towarde her mariage iff she be then alyve so that she guyde her selffe honestlye and be rulyd by her mother and by my next heyre apparant Item I wyll that after my dettes payd legacyes and ffunerall expences payd and doone that the residew off my goodes cattalls and dettes shalbe equallye devyded into iij partes whereoff one part to Dame Dorothye my wyffe the second part to Rauffe Holt and the thryd part y^{t} remeyneth unto me I geave unto ffrances my sone towardes the mariage off his chyldren and brynginge off theym upp in vertuusnes Also I constitute and make my trustye and welbelovyd Dame Dorothye my wyffe and Raffe Holt my soñe my trewe and ffaythfull executors to see that this my last wyll be pformyd as they wyll answere beffore God at the generall day off judgement Also I wyll that this shalbe my trewe and last wyll conserninge the disposition off my goodes cattalls and dettes and that all other wylles heretoffore made to be ffrustrate and off no effecte In witnes whereoff I the sayd Syr Thom̄s Holt have assygned this my last wyll in wrytinge wth my owne hand and sett to my seall in the p̄sens off Robert Holt.[1]

[1] No date of probate. The testator was son of Ralph Holt of Gristlehurst Esq. by Anne, daughter of John Langley of Agecroft, and married Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Longford of Longford Knt. — *Suffield MSS.* His inquisition post mortem is dated 4 Elizabeth, at which time his son Francis was of the age of 38 years. The family continued in the possession of Gristlehurst and other lands in Lancashire until Thomas Posthumus Holt Esq. squandered his paternal estates and died in poverty near Tattenhall, where he was buried March 28, 1679. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 100; vol. ii. part iii. p. 477; and *The Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 174.

TESTAMENTUM CICELIE ASHELEY.[1]

Pbaț corā ñro Robto Leeche v° die Junii 1563. Et comissa administratio execuc̃ reservata p̃tate p Thurstano Tyldisley armigero.

IN the name &c. The xixth day of Maye in the yeare of oure lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth three score and three I Cicill Asheley beinge of pfect mynd &c. ffyrst and principally I bequeth my sole unto almightye God my maker and redemer and my bodye to bee buryed at my parishe churche of Bowdon nere unto my husbandę grave yff yt please God to call me to his mercye at this tyme Itm I geave &c. unto George Breerton yf he take good weys and be ordred by his ffrendę whome I constitute and make my executors one hundreth markes of his mariage goodes And to his syster Anne and his syster Jane eyther of theym ij hundreth markes a pece yff they take good weys and be ordred by their frendes And yf they doe not use theym selfes well and will not be ordred by their frendes I geave unto my nephew Souton children and my nephew Wryghtę children one hundreth markes and to be devyded equallye amongest theym and to be receved at the dayes of paym^{t} w^{ch} were appoynted at the daye of making upp of the marriage The rest of the sayd fowre hundreth markes yff they will not be ruled by their frendes I geave to y^{e} sayd George Breereton Item I geave to the sayd George Brereton eyght oxen and all plowes weynes cheynes and all thinges belonginge unto husbandry To the sayd George sixe kye and a bull the blacke nagge and the yonge fillye and a bore and

[1] She was the widow of George Ashley of Ashley Esq. and daughter of John Sutton of Sutton near Macclesfield Esq. The issue of this marriage was an only daughter, Thomasine, who was married to Richard Brereton, a younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 419.

a sowe and iiij^{or} shotes of the best he can chewse To the sayd George all the corne that ys sowen and to be sowen appon the grownd and the best chafer and the best possenett To the sayd George ij of the best cheares the cuppord in the hall and the cuppord in the parlor and the cofer in the parlor To the sayd George all the keyres stowndes and other vessells y^{t} are w^{t}in the brewhowse to brewe wth To the sayd George the gretest potte and the best panne and the best maslin basyn and the best voyder and the best garnishe of pewter dishes and the saltinge tubbes and soche other tree ware as ys wthin the larder Also I geave to the sayd George iiij^{or} of the best candelstickes and a chafinge dishe To the sayd George a cote of mayle a jacke and a salet and all other harnesse at home besydes To the sayd George all the barres of iron that are in y^{e} apple chamber To the sayd George a diapur cloth and an other cloth for the broade boord xx^{tye} peyre of sheetes a dosyn of boord napkins halfe a dosyn pillow bers and a halfe dosen of quishins y^{t} are in the hall and iiij^{or} of those quishins that are in the parlor syde and a red velvett quishin y^{t} standeth in the parlor window To the sayd George ij candestickes for tapers and a pewter bottell and fore score dishes and bolles and iiij^{or} beddes that ys to say the best bed wth the sylke henginge and ij of y^{e} worse sorte and ij mattresse and halfe a dosen of fustian pillowes and ij of the worst sorte and to eu̯ye bed ij blankett̨ and ij coverlett̨ Itm̃ I geave unto Anne Breerton iiij^{or} kye the graye mare and her fole ij styrkes of ij yeres old of the best that she can chewse of the kye styrkes and iiij^{or} of the grettest swyne To the sayd Anne ij bedstockes one ys in the yate howse and the other in y^{e} chappell chamber To the sayd Anne xx^{tye} pere of sheet̨ and a dyapur bord clothe and iij other bord clothes a dosyn bord napkins and halfe a dosyn pillowe beres and halfe a dosyn of fustian pillowes and the worser chafer and a possenet wth a stole To the sayd Anne iiij^{or} beddes ij of the best and ij of the worser and ij mattres and my ij damaske gownes and my red damaske kyrtle a

frocke of right wolstyd and my best cloth frocke and my best kyrtle of blacke damaske and my velvet bonet and a red tippet of saten borthered wth gold and a pere of bedes of red corall and a pere of velvet sleeves and another peyre of tawnye saten and ij rynges of gold y^{e} one was her mothers and the other wth a perle y^{t} I had of Mestres Asheley and ij corpp [*sic*] cases I geave to the sayd Anne yff the be never occupyed ageyn at the churche And yff the be I geave the one to the churche at Bawden y^{e} better and the other to my owne chapell at home And I geave to the sayd Anne the best potte and the best panne iiij candelstickes and halfe a garnishe of pewter and a chafinge dishe and the halfe of the drynkinge pott$\wp$ that are in the butterye and halfe a dosyn of sylver spoones a sylver salt and a standinge peace of sylver and the cofer that hath my best gayre in and the other that my best kerchyfes in Itm I geave unto Jane Breerton iiij kye and ij kye styrkes of ij yeres old and a pott and a panne of the best that are left when her brother and syster have chosen Itm I geave to the sayd Jane twooe bedstockes the one in the chappell chameber and the other benethe and iiij^{or} candelstickes and halfe a garnishe of pewter Itm to the sayd Jane the damaske gowne that was her mothers and a kyrtle the abillement that was her mothers and the blewe saten tippet y^{t} was myne and a peyre of white birrall beydes and my worse damaske kyrtle and iij bedd$\wp$ one of the better and ij of the worse and all thinges belonginge thereunto and xviij peyre of sheet$\wp$ a dosyn bord napkins and vj pillow beres a flaxen bord cloth and iij other bord clothes and iiij^{or} fustian pillowes and halfe a dosyn of sylver spoones and a sylver salt and a sylver potte and a cofer that standeth behind the chameber dore and an other that standeth in the closett Itm I bequeth the rest of all the tree ware that ys unbequethed to Jane Brerton and Anne B: Itm I geave to Jane B: a littell potte Itm I geave unto Anne Ward a cowe and a calfe and xx^{tie} markes of money and a fetherbed and all thinges belonginge therto y^{t} is to say twoe blankett$\wp$ twoe co$\overset{\text{r}}{\text{v}}$lett$\wp$

ij pillowes and a bed cover Item to Alice Harden a cowe and a calfe Item to Margaret Debias a cowe and a calfe Item to Jone Curbishley a cowe and a calfe Item to Margaret Worthington a cowe styrk of ij yeres of age Item to my servant Robert Vereson a yoke of my drawght steeres Item to Willm Worsley a yoke of drawen steres Item to Robt Heyghfeld xx^{tye} shillinges and a shert and his bed w^{ch} he lyeth in in the mylne To Henry Heeld xx^{s} and a shurt [The same bequest to] George Land John Hase Ric Cooe Henry Heeld the younger Willm Bradshaw and George Launnce Item I geave to Willm Bradshaw a bed Item to Roger Murrey a cowe styrke To my s^{r}vant Robt Gooden a yoke of steeres that goe in the pear tree fyeld Item to John Davenport xx^{s} and a sherte I forgeave Mawde Rigway the debt w^{ch} she oweth me [Similar bequests to the following] Edward Houghe Margaret Heginson John Denson the wyffe of Robt Coe the wyfe of John Wryght George Launnce Edward Rowson Reynold Gooden the wyffe of Roger Lyneston Katerine Milner the wyfe of John Leeghe of Altringham the wyfe of James Warberton the wyfe of Edward Parker Raffe Venebles John Walton of Altringham and Nicolas Vawdrey Item I geave to my brother S^{r} Willm xx^{li} To Willm Bothe esquyer v^{li} To Thurstane Tyldisley of Wardley v^{li} To M^{r} Sutton v^{li} To Jaspor Worth of Tetherington v^{li} And I make my executors &c. the right worshipfull S^{r} Willm Davenport knight George Breerton my sone Thurstan Tildesley esquyer Ric Sutton esquyer Jasper Worth esquer and the right worshipfull Will Bothe esquyer to be overseer and supervisor The rest of my goodes unbequethed my legacyes my buryall and funerall expenses discharged &c. shall be devyded to the poore people in this parishe and in the towne of Macclesfyld These beinge witnes George Lamme John Davenport Robt Perisson Robt Gooden and Will Worsley.

TESTAMENTUM ANTONII CALVELEY.

Pbaț coram mg̃ro Rob̃to Leech in LL Baccaŧ xxiij° Sep. 1563.

IN the name &c. The xiijth daye of May in the fyfthe yere of the reygne of our sov̄aygne ladie Queene Elizabeth I Antonye Calveley[1] son of George Calveley knight decessed beinge whole of mind &c. ffirst I geave &c. my sole unto almightie God and unto our blessed Ladye Seynt Mary &c. I will the daye of my buryall or wthin a moneth after there be x^{li} delt to y^{e} poore to praye for me &c. I will y^{t} their be xiij blacke gownes made and geven unto my poore neighbowrs to praye for me Also I will desire and charge my executors and overseers of this my will y^{t} they shall see my ladye my mother Dame Elizabeth Calveleys will be pformed and my syster[2] Elizabeth Gerrards will be pformed And also that my brother[3] John Calveleys will be pformed w^{ch} I stand charged wthall and that ys not doone and fulfylled at my deathe when yt shall please God to call for me to his mercye as they shalbe answerable thereunto at the dreadfull daye of judgement afore God in an other world Also to the halowinge of Churching Heathe chapell xl^{s} I will that my nephewe George Calveley shall deliver to y^{e} parisheaners of Church en Heath chapell the bell that I lent unto him w^{ch} henged in his steeple over his chapell w^{ch} bell was geven by my ladye my mother unto the sayd chapell to be prayd for Also I will y^{t} my executors shall paye for the pavinge of the cawsey so far as ys unfinished at my deathe betwixt the chapell and cawde fyeld stile — unto y^{e} mendinge of Hanley lane at y^{e} churche end iij^{s} iiij^{d} — unto y^{e} mendinge of War-

[1] Anthony, a younger son of Sir George Calveley of Lea, Knt., by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton, Knt. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

[2] Elizabeth married Richard Gerard of Crewood, Esq. Her inquisition post mortem is dated 35 Henry VIII. — Ibid. p. 62.

[3] See his will at p. 56.

ton windemille lane iij^{s} iiij^{d} I will that my syster Elianor Davenport have delivered unto her iij of the spoones that were last made at London that have ij l̃res at the endes for my name a pewter voyder a pere of beydes of exedent gawdid wth silver and gilt an edge of perle a button of gold wth white amell on ytt a flat ringe of gold price x^{s} ij coffers one wth a clicket locke and another wth a white plate loocke on ytt which ys geaven unto her by my ladye Calveley her mother I will that my sister Dorothie Almer have delivered unto her a flower of gold set wth stones and perle a ringe of gold wth the fyve wownds wrought on hit a white dyapur rybbon wth ij aglett᷑ of sylver and gylt on hit Also I will to be delivered unto my sayd suster Dorothie a great brasse potte y^{t} was Cicelie Tattonhall᷑ pforminge the sayd Cicelie Tattonhalls will to Bunburie churche w^{ch} goodes were geaven unto her by the will of my ladye Calveley her mother I will y^{t} my executors deliver unto ev᷑ye one of my brethren in lawe one olde ryall w^{ch} was by the gyfte of my ladye my mother and yff anye of their names be dead then I will their eldest sones to have the same gold delivered unto theym to praye for my ladye M^{r} Davenport M^{r} Houghe M^{r} Almer and M^{r} Edward᷑ w^{ch} was a lyve at the deathe of my ladye I will that my executors deliver unto my cosin Katerine Pilston dawghter unto my syster Davenport one fetherbed one flocke bedde one bolster and one pillowe of fustian ij blanket᷑ and ij coverlett᷑ a peyre of broade sheet᷑ of flaxen and my ladyes best fruntlet a cofer w^{ch} good᷑ were bequethed unto her by the will of my ladye Calveley her grandmother I will my executors deliver unto my cosin Hughe Davenport my sisters sone at his goinge to howse a longe tastinge spoone of sylver w^{ch} ys in a case and geven to him by the will of my ladye Calveley his grandmother I geave and bequethe unto my syster Davenport a blacke cloth gowne furred wth sharkes a blacke kyrtell of satin a Bridgges [*sic*] w^{ch} was parte of my ladies reyment Ite̅m I geve unto my syster Howghe a blacke chamlet gowne furryd wth

grey a bonnett of blacke velvet wth a frontlet and a ringe wth a saphire wch was part of my ladyes raement Unto my sister Dorothie Almer a right black satin cirtell wch was part &c. Unto my sister Dame Johne Leycester my flaggin cheyne of gold a harnest gyrdell full of sylver studdes and gilt a ringe of gold wth the stone of a gesant in ytt and a great chaffer of maslen and a flaggin braslet of gold desyringe her to be good ladye unto Rauffe More To ev̄ye one of my systers beinge alyve at my death an old ryall of gold to make eyther one of them a ringe of to pray for my sole To my cosin Hughe Calveley my best cappe wth my bruche on hit my dagger and my sword the best armor that was my brother John Calveleys wth the best stile [or sile] sadell to pray for me To my cosin Willm Houghe the best cowe yt I have Unto my cosin Thom̄s Houghe his brother xxs in money Unto my cosin John Dutton a short gowne of taffeta and my twoo handed sworde To Mrs Elianor Dutton his bedfelow a fyne flaxen sheete to cover hir bedd when she lyeth in hale and an olde ryall of gold to make her a rynge of Unto my cosin Launcelot Bostshocke fyve pownds Unto my cosin Willm Almer my gylt raper Unto my cosin Hughe Davenport an other raper Unto my cosin Alice Byston xs and xs wch I lent her I forgeave her Unto my cosin Jane Elis xxs and the best heffer calfe of ij yeres olde that I have To Willm Edwarde a colt wch I bowght of John Mynshull Unto my cosin Katerine Leycester xxs in money a peticote of scarlet wch was my ladyes a bonnet of velvet wth a fruntlet and iij sylver spoones wch was bowght last at London havinge ij lr̄es at the endes of theym for my name Unto my cosin Dorothie Houghe a blacke chamlett gowne wch was my syster Elizabeth Gerrard to praye for her I will my executors deliver unto my sayd cosin Dorothie Houghe v markes wch was geven her by my brother John Calveley's will Unto my cosin John Davenport ye best peyre of hose dowblet and sherte that I have and a little band in itt Unto my cosin Randall Davenport his brother a trottinge cowlt wch ys at Toft my buffe

girken my rydinge cloke Unto the rest of my sisters children wch I have geven nothinge unto vjs viijd a pece Unto David Mathewe a fryseadow cloke and the best spruce girkin Unto my nephew George Calveley a masar bole wth a border of sylver and gilt abowt ytt a shirt of mayle wth the hed peace or murren therunto belonginge and an arminge sworde and my grey amblinge geldinge to pray for me Unto my cosin George Byston my night gowne of blacke damaske garded wth velvet and my velvet gyrken Unto my brother in lawe Richard Houghe my shorte secke clothe gowne garded wth velvet Unto my cosin Richard Clive my sealinge ringe wch hath an agonett stone in ytt Unto my cosin George Calveleys wyffe twoo shorte carpettꝭ of carpett woorke for the formes in ye chapell and twoo silke pillowes of downe the one covered wth greene sarcenet and the other wth saten of Byrges [Here follow many bequests of tenements, lands, cottages, and gardens, to various individuals for life, paying the usual rents.] Unto John Minshull a redd taffeta doublet and a peyre of blacke hose Unto evye servant that ys dwellinge wth me at the daye of my death iijs iiijd a pece to pray for me Unto Wiłłm Bannester and to his wyfe fyve markes I will and charge my executors that they shall take the lease of the psonage of Burlington and to receave the pfettꝭ thereof and to paye all soche debtꝭ and legacyes as are my brother John Calveleys as ytt may appeare by his will and that my executors shall paye soche other legaces as ys not wthin his will This doone and his will pformed I will my sayd executors shall receave the rest of the pfettꝭ thereof and employ hit to the most pfett of Rauffe Calveley my bastard sone accordinge to the will of my brother John Calveley Unto Rauffe Calveley my bastard sone the leases wch I have of the manor and lordshipp of Sawghton and another lease wch I have of Church in Heath wth all my right title &c. Unto the sayd Rauffe Calveley my best cheyne of gold a dosen of the best sylver spoones my best salt of silver wth the cover my goblet of silver wth the cover my pownce peece of sylver wth all the rest of my howsehold

stuffe as beddinge brasse and pewter and all other my howsehold stuffe as well kye oxen yonge bestes horses mares wch are not in this will afore bequethed This donne my will pformed and discharged I wold charge my executors and overseers that my goodꝙ wthin the howse and wthowte the howse maie be preysed by honest men and by the discretion of my executors and overseers that soche goodꝙ as ys most needfull I wold have theym to sell hit and to take the rentꝙ of my farmes of Sawghton and Church in Heath and to see the same somes of money putt fowrth yerely unto some honest man's handꝙ for the use and behoofe of Raufe Calveley my bastard sone Also I desire my executors and overseers that the sayd Raufe may be kept to learninge till he come to the age of xxj yeres Also I geave unto some learned man wch shalbe appoynted to preache by my cosin George Calveley fowre sermons in what churches he thinketh meete xxs for his peynes Unto John Partynton the widow Turner Alice Grey Cicelye of ye Buttes Crumpe of Churton John that dwelleth in the lane and the poore woman that come owte of Warton and Hughe Raunatꝙ wyefe evy one of theym a hoope of wheate Unto Thomas Prickett wieffe of Aldforde a bushell of barley I will that my executors shall make Case [*sic*] newe reyment and binde him prentise in London wth John Hondkin the teylior or to some other whome they thinke meete Unto Sr Raufe Leycester my brother in lawe my scarlet cloke and unto my cosin Willm Leycester his sone my best hand gonne Unto my brother Davenport an other hand gonne Unto my brother Almar the best dagge Unto my cosin John ap Elis an other dagge Unto my cosin Hughe Byston a pollaxe wch was my brother John Calveleys Unto my cosin Hughkin Byston all my beddinge wth the bedde case the henginges of the chameber wth a cofer wch standeth at London wthin Holburne castell willinge him that Rauffe Calveley my sone maye be chameber felowe wth him when he cometh to the Innes of the Cowrte I will that the psone of Handley be payed for soche tiethe haye as my brother John Calveley was behind wth him I will

that my executors shall delyver unto the vicare of Seynt Warburge that nowe ys vj^{s} viij^{d} in satisfaction of soche tiethes and dutyes yf I were anye behynde at my death Itm I will that my executors shall delyver to twoo poore men and twoo poore women in Bunburye pishe iij^{s} iiij^{d} a pece to praye for the sole of M^{rs} Byston who was late wyffe to my brother in lawe John Byston Itm I will that my executors doe paye unto Seth Nicoll so moche money as he sayeth uppon his honestye he payd for the repleviynge of his bestes owte of Sawghton folde w^{ch} were pinned by my servantϱ I will that my executors geave unto James Bulkeley iij^{s} iiij^{d} whome was wryter of this will. I desire my nephew George Calveley my syster Dame Jane Leycetor my nephew George Byston my brother in lawe Ric̃ Houghe esquy^{ers} to be my executors And I desire M^{r} John Dutton of Dutton my cosin Richard Clive of Huxley to be overseers for Goddϱ sake to see this my p̃nt last will executed and to doe for my sole as they wold be doone by as they shall answere me at the dreadfull daye of judgment in an other worlde In witnes whereof &c. I Anthonye Calveley have putt &c. at the manor of Sawghton the xiijth daye of Maye in the vth yere &c. in the p̃sentes of James Bulkeley wryter hereof

Anthonie Calveley.

Also I will and bequeth to my cosin Katerine Davenport a whyte heyffer off ij yeres olde incalfe Item I geave to Margerie Greene my cosin a whyte heyffer of a yere olde Item I geave to M^{rs} Hurleston my cosin a whyte heffar of ij yeres olde.

Hugo Calveley.
Robtus Danold de Hanley.
Lancelot̃ Bostock.
Joh̃es Davenport.
Dorothea Almar.
Katerina Pilston cū ceteris.

THE WILL OF PHILIP EGERTON, OF EGERTON, KNT.[1]

IN the name &c. The xviijth daye of January in the yeare of o^{r} Lord God mv.. ... and in the yere of the reygne of o^{r} sov̄aygne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God quene &c. the vth I Phillippe Egerton of Egerton wthin the countie of Chester knight beinge sycke in body and yet in pfett memorye thankes be to God do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followynge first I bequethe my soulle to allmyghtie God that he for the greatt love and beningnitie that he dothe bere to mankind and for the passion he suffered apon the crosse for the redemption of man that he wyll receyve the same amongest his elect children and to o^{r} blessed ladye Saint Marye and all the hollye companye of heven to praye for me also I will that my bodye shalbe buried in the chappell of Budworthe wheras I do knell also I wyll that my dettϱ and funerallϱ shalbe discharged of my hoalle goodϱ Item I will that ev̄ye one of my yomen that wereth my lyvere shall have a blake cowett Item I gyve to Edward P̄bin Phillippe Nevell and Thomas Underwood ev̄y one of them xl^{s} a pese and ev̄y one of them a blake cowett Item I geve to S^{r} Rauff Olton x^{s} and a blake gowen Item to ev̄y on of my yomen servauntϱ that do dwell or contynewe in my howse at the tyme of my deathe one holle yeres wagϱ Item to ev̄y one of my

[1] No date of probate. The testator was son and heir of Philip Egerton of Egerton and Oulton Esq., by Joanna, daughter and coheiress of Gilbert Smith of Cuerdley in the county of Lancaster. He married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Randle Brereton of Malpas Knt., and dying 17th July 1563, was buried at Budworth. His son and heir, John Egerton, married Jane, daughter of Piers Mostyn of Talacre Esq., and was ancestor of Egerton, Earls of Wilton, and of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton Bart., of Oulton Park, M.P. and F.R.S., the present male representative of this ancient family. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 350.

husband servāntꝭ and wemen servāntꝭ one halfe yeres wagꝭ Item to Thomas Egerton[1] that ys at Ine of Cowert xli toward his exebition Item I give to bestowe for John Cliffs sowle xli Item to Budworth churche xls Item to Jane Egerton my doughter in lawe my longe damaske gowen Item to Thomas Venables my newe blake clothe gowen wth the garde of velvet Item I will my wyff shall have my gilte cup of sylver duringe her lyffe, and she to leave yt to John Egerton sonne and here of John Egerton Also I will that Dame Ellenor Egerton my wyf shall have all the rest of my goodꝭ dyscharginge thes thinges above specifyed and for the better accomplishement of thes p̄sentꝭ I the sayd Phillippe Egerton do order constitute and make my welbeloved in Christ Dame Ellenor Egerton my wyfe and Thomas Venables of Antrbunq [Antrobus] my trewe and lawfull executorꝭ for the pformance and accomplishement of this my last wyll and testament In wittnes whereof I the sayd Phillippe Egerton have put my seall the daye and yere above wrytten Sealed and delivēd in the p̄sence of these wyttnes whose names are subscribed Wyllyam Smythe clarke Rauff Olton prest John Olton.

Md this will was sent to Sir Richard Egerton[2] knight the xxiiijth day of February by Sr Phillipp Egerton knight to be singned by the hand of the sayd Sr Richard to the intent hit may well appere.

[1] Thomas Egerton, natural son of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley, Knt., born about 1540, entered Brasenose College about 1556, and having taken his Bachelor's degree, was removed to Lincoln's Inn in 1559, where, in January 1562–3, his "exebition" was augmented by his liberal kinsman the testator; Lord Chancellor of England, created Baron of Ellesmere 21st July 1603, and Viscount Brackley 7th November 1616, ancestor of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater. He died 15th March 1616–17. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 348.

[2] Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley Knt., cousin to the testator and father of the Chancellor. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 162.

Item that I have sold since God cauled for my husband of yonge bease xxxvij the w^{ch} I have receyved xliij^{li} for.

Item that I have receyved for corne since my husband died xx^{li}

Item that there ys remeanynge yett xxxj kye by exstimacion of the presers worth xxvj^{s} viij^{d} a pyce one wth another.

Item that ther dothe remayne by exstimacion of the presers xij oxen worth xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} a pyce one wth another.

Item in howshold stufe that ther remayneth in the parlar a longe bord a square bord and a cuppbord wth the carpetes and a quishyns therto remaynynge by exstimacion of the p^{r}sers worthe .... . xl^{s}

Item ther ys in the great chamber iij fetherbeddes and twoe boulsters and ij pyllowes and ij blankettϱ and iij co$\tilde{v}$lettϱ and a coverynge..... v^{li}

Item ther ys in the chamber over the butrie ij fetherbeddes and ij boulsters and ij pillowes and ij blankettϱ and iij co$\tilde{v}$lettϱ and a co$\tilde{v}$lynge wth the bed stockes therto belonginge ..... iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item there ys in the wardens chamber ij fether beddes and ij boulsters ij pillowes and ij blankettϱ iij co$\tilde{v}$lettϱ and a co$\tilde{v}$linge wth the bedstockes therto belonginge .... iiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item there is in the litell chamber ij fether bedes and ij bolsters ij pillowes and ij blankettϱ iij co$\tilde{v}$lettϱ and a co$\tilde{v}$lynge and the bedstockes thereto belongynge .. .. iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item in the ij bed chambers ij fether bedϱ ij boulsters and ij blankettϱ iiij co$\tilde{v}$lettϱ wth the rest that is in the chamber..... iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item in my lords chamber ij fetherbedϱ ij bolsters

and ij pillowes and ij blankett^{e} iij cov̄lett^{e} and a cov̄ynge wth the bedstocke and the stuffe thereto belongynge .... iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item in the chamber by the syde of the yeates ij fetherbed^{e} and ij boulsters and iij cov̄lett^{e} and a cov̄ynge .... iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item in the oxe howse a matteres a boulster ij cov̄lett^{e} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item in the stable a matteres a boulster ij cov̄lett^{e}... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item in the mylne a matteres a boulster ij cov̄lett^{e}... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item that there ys in my ladies chamber ij fetherbed^{e} and a matteres and iij boulsters iij cov̄lett^{e} and a cov̄ynge wth the rest of the stuffe therto belongynge .... iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item in Bulles chamber a matteres a boulster and ij cov̄lett^{e} .... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item in Bokers chamber a matteres a boulster and ij cov̄lett^{e} .... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item the kytchyn stuffe

Item the great panne Item ij litell pannes Item ij bygg skellet^{e} Item the great byffe pott Item the bryne pott Item the great potage pott Item a greatt pot wth the snipe in Item ij medellynge pott^{e} Item ij litell pott^{e} Item one morter and a pestell Item one chafer a byge one Item a litell posnett wth a steale Item a great caudron Item the stuffe in the daye howse x^{s} Item the fornes wth the rest of the stuffe in the brue howse iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item the stuffe in the buterye Item a syl̄ salte Item ij litell goblett^{e} of syl̄ wth a cov̄ Item xiiij syl̄ sponnes viij^{li} Item the rest of the stuffe in the buterie xxx^{s} Item for horses that I have sold viij^{li} Item a mare and syxe horses xiiij^{li} Pewter Item ix brode dyshes Item viij narowe dyshes Item a xj smale dyshes Item vij sawcers Item a drepinge panne Item ij goberd^{e} Item iiij broches wth the rest of the kechyn stuffe by estimacion v^{li} Item that my husbandes buriall cost xl^{li} Item that

the blakes cost xl^li^ savynge x^s^ Item to that I have gyven to Thomas Edgerton[1] of Lyncole In a leven pounde that my husband left hym in his wyll.

[The other items are quite without interest.]

THE WILL OF SIR JOHN HOLCROFT OF HOLCROFT, KNT.[2]

IN the name &c. The seconde daye of December in the yere of our Lorde God 1559 and in the seconde yere of the reygne of our sov̄aygne ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I S^r^ John Holdcroft of Holcroft the elder in the countie of Lankester knyght beyinge of good mynd &c. I wyll that all suche land̄e as I have gyven to Anne my wyff as apereth by dede that she shuld be at hyr lybertye to take the sayd land̄e or ell̄e the thryd parte of all my land̄e and tenement whether she wyll And also I wyll that those land̄e that I have gyven unto my sonnes as appereth by sev̄all dedes remeanynge in the custodye of my cosyn Gylbart Gerrarde and the counter paynes lyeth in my chest where my evedensys is that they my sayd sonnes shall have and enjoye the sayd land̄e contened in the sayd sev̄all dedes accordynge unto the purporte and effecte of the sayd ded̄e Also

[1] There is a difference between the amount of the legacy and that paid by the executrix to Thomas Egerton, the student at Lincoln's Inn.

[2] Sir John Holcroft, son and heir of John Holcroft of Holcroft Esq., by Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Hamlet Massey of Rixton, married Anne, daughter of Ralph Standish of Standish Esq., and had issue, besides the sons mentioned in the will, six daughters: Anne, wife of William Radcliffe of Wimmersley Esq.; Alice, wife of Sir Thomas Hesketh of Rufford Knt.; Ellen, wife of Francis Holte of Gristlehurst Esq.; Millicent, wife of Henry Talbot of Bashall Esq.; Clemence, wife of Richard Leigh Esq. of West Hall in High Legh; and Mary, who married Peter Warburton of Warburton and Arley Esq.

I wyll that my sayd cosyn Gylbart Gerrard[1] shall have fourtie shillyngꝭ by yeare durynge his lyff accordynge to a dede wᶜʰ I have made hym I wyll that Thomas Holcrofte one other of my younger sonnes shall have twentye shillingꝭ yearely out of my landes in Bowden in the countye of Chester durynge hys lyff wᶜʰ landꝭ I am at libertye to gyve or sell Also I wyll that Henry Holcroft one other of my yonger sonnes shall have yerely durynge his lyff other xxˢ out of my sayd landꝭ in Bowdon and Rostone aforesayd I wyll that Roger Holcroft one other of my younger sonnes shall have xxˢ by yere durynge his lyff out of my sayd landꝭ in Bowdon aforesayd I wyll that Anne my wyff shall have all the tethe corne hemp and flaxe yerely growynge wᵗʰin the lordeshippes of Rysley and Pesseferlong in the countye of Lankester durynge hyr lyff payinge yerelye therfore fyve poundꝭ to the ꝑson or farmꝰ of Wynwycke at mydsomꝰ and Martenmas by even portyons accordynge to one dede of gyft thereof by me made to her as by the same more playnlye dothe appere And also I wyll that Sʳ John Holcroft my eldest sonne shall have all the tethe corne hempe and flaxe wᵗʰin the lordshippe of Culchethe and the lordshippe of Holcroft payinge therefore yerely fyve poundꝭ to the ꝑson or farmꝰ of Wynwycke at mydsomꝰ and Mꝰtenmas by even portyons And also I wyll that my wyff shall have durynge hyr lyff the tethe barne that standethe in a close late in the holdynge of Addam Shawe to sett her corne in wᵗʰout any rent payinge durynge her lyff And also I wyll that evꝰy one of my soninlawes shall after my deceasse have of my goodꝭ ten poundꝭ wᶜʰ is in the holl lxˡⁱ ether in goodꝭ or ellꝭ in money to thentent they shall gyve the same to the maryage of one of theyere

[1] Sir Gilbert Gerard, son and heir of James (second son of William Gerard of Ince Esq.) by Margaret, daughter of John Holcroft of Holcroft, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Radcliffe and sister and heir of the half blood of William Radcliffe Esq. of Wimmersley, the testator's son-in-law, Attorney-General and Master of the Rolls to Queen Elizabeth, ancestor of Gerard Earls of Macclesfield and Lords Gerard of Gerards Bromley. — *Suffield MSS.*, and Ormerod, vol. i. p. 483.

doughters or ꝑferment of one of there childer by the advyse of my executors yf then the have any childer a lyve and yf not then the to have the sayd money to the use onelye of them selfes Where I am in possession of a certen tenement w^{ch} I have of James Standyshe of Duckesburye Esquier for certen yeres yet induynge I wyll that Dame Anne Holcrofte my wyff shall have and enjoye the same ten̄t durynge all the sayd yeres and where the sayd James Standyshe standethe bownden unto me to make Anne [*sic*] a lease of the same I wyll that Hamlet Holcroft one of my younger sonnes shall have the ꝑfitt therof And also wheare I have the custodye and maryage of Anne Ratclyff[1] I wyll that my executors shall use the same accordynge as Willm Ratclyff esquyer brother to the sayd Anne shall thinke good Also I wyll unto S^{r} John Holcrofte my eldest sonne and heyre of my goodꝭ suche percell as hereafter be specifyed for the entent that he shall suffer my executors to ꝑforme this my last wyll and testament that is to saye all suche harnes as I have to serve the kynge and quenes maiesties in ther warrꝭ for my owne bodye one sylv̄ pott gylte and also one sylv̄ goblett a dosanne sylv̄ spones a salt of sylv̄ gylt and my sygnet of gold And also I gyve hym a bedd wth testures of redd sarcenet the bedstockes the fether bedd and all thinges belongynge to the same bedd And also I wyll that my sayd sonne shall have the one halfe of my bed stockes and the one halfe of my cupbordꝭ cownters formes and longe bordꝭ and the one halfe of my cheres and stooles And also I gyve hym the one halfe of my waynes cartes and teames of iron to the same trease collers spadꝭ hatchytꝭ harrowes ranges [?] and hookꝭ And also I wyll that my wyff shall have all the other parte of the goodꝭ aforesayd belonginge unto husbandrye Also I gyve hym two old oxen ij stures ij mares ij kye ij hefers ij swyne and a boore xx^{tie} shepe v bushellꝭ of rye ten bushellꝭ of barlye x syffes of otes Also I wyll that my sayd sonne shall have ij longe iron spittes a great pott that my cookes are wont or used to

[1] Afterwards wife of Sir Gilbert Gerard.

sethe byeffe in I gyve halfe a garnishe of pewter vessells to my sayd sonne I gyve hym the greatest mashe fatt w^th^ all the lead℄ and the gret yealynge combe I gyve hym the greatest saltinge tubbe to salt byeff in I gyve hym a gowne yf I have any at my deathe and a blake saten dublet to thentent he shall suffer my executors to pforme this my last wyll or ell℄ I wyll that he shall have no parte of my good℄ I wyll that Alis Holcroft my sonnes doughter shall have xx^li^ toward her maryage I gyve unto my wyff Dame Anne Holcroft duringe her lyff all the rest of my plate w^ch^ I have not gyven to thentente that she wylbe one other of my executors I wyll that after the deathe of my wyff that she shall leave to be gyven and to charge the executors to gyve the sayd plate unto my eldest sonne and soninlawes to be delt and distribute amongest them indeferently to thentent they wylbe good unto theyre wyff℄ I gyve unto my cosyn Gylbart Gerrard of Greis Inne one of my best horses or geldynges and one rynge of gold that hathe the seale of a horse in the same and fyve pound℄ in money And I wyll that my sayd cosin shall have after the deathe of my wyff the newe howse wyth all the grownd belongynge unto the same whyche grownd I doe nowe occupye durynge his lyff payinge the rent at the dayes accustomed vij^li^ by yere to thentent he wilbe one other of my executors I gyve unto my cosyn Wyllyam Gerard recordar of Chester v^li^ to thentent he wylbe one of my executors I wyll that Hamlet Holcroft be another of my executors and have a geldynge for his peanes I wyll that e℣y sarvant man boy or woman shall have all ther wages that the be unpayd whyche the same sarved for and one yeares wages more I wyll that my wyff shall kepe all my servant℄ halfe a yere at meate and drynke and lodgynge yf the so longe wyll tary w^th^ her untyll the have ꝑvyded them of service And also I wyll that my wyff shall not be stopped by my eldest sonne to dwell at my howse at Holcroft durynge the sayd halfe yere and in case he wyll stopp her then I wyll that he shall have no parte of good℄ w^ch^ I have gyven hym I wyll that my best

apparell shalbe delt indyfferently amongest my soninlawes by the advise of my executors I gyve all my ryngꝭ unto my wyff to bestowe them one my doughters as [she] shall thinke mete after her deathe or afore Also I doe gyve &c. unto my sonne Hamlett Holcroft all that mesuage and all the landꝭ and tenementꝭ called Lyttell Wolden in Caldwoldshedd in the countye of Lankester late in the tenure or occupatyon of Thomas Rutter to have &c. unto the sayd Hamlett for and durynge so manye yeares as the sayd Hamlett shall fortune to lyff and after the deathe of the sayd Hamlett then I wyll that all the ꝑmysses shall remeane unto suche wyff as the sayd Hamlett shall fortune to have at the tyme of hys deathe for her naturall lyff and after [her] decease then unto my executors for the pformans of my wyll the sayd Hamlett and his sayd wyff payinge yearely unto the heyres of S^r^ Thomas Holcroft knyght decessed the yerely rent and servys dew and accustomed Where I hold certen grownde of my brother S^r^ Thomas Holcroft[1] for certen yeres called Musterd Fyldes the rent by yere xxv^s^ I wyll that my sonne Thomas Holcroft shall have them payinge the rent unto the sayd S^r^ Thomas Holcroft hys heyres or assynes at the rent dayes accustomed accordyne to the indenture therof made I gyve &c. unto my servant James Starkie one yerely rent of xx^s^ durynge his lyff and hee to receave the same out of my landꝭ in Pynnyngton Also I wyll that my executors shall receave yerely xl^s^ out of my landꝭ in Pynnyngton called Pynnyngton land to the use of suche prest and chappelen as shall dwell w^th^ me at the tyme of my deathe for terme of the lyff naturall of the sayd preist and he to serve my wyff durynge her lyff she fyndynge hym meate drinke and lodginge and after her decesse to serve my eldest sonne and yf they wyll not soe doo he to have the sayd xl^s^ and serve at hys pleasure I wyll that Wyllyam Clowghe and Wyllyam Whittell w^ch^ have byne my servantꝭ lounge shall have the same tenementꝭ w^ch^ the now

[1] Sir Thomas Holcroft of Vale Royal, an esquire of the body to King Henry VIII., knighted at Leith in 1544.

dwell in durynge ther lyffe payinge all rente &c. Also I desyer my eldest sonne and heyre and also my executors that the shall see that the sayd Wyllyam Clughe and Wyllyam Whyttell to occupie ther sayd tenemente w^thout fyne payinge unto any man as the wyll answere me in an other world I wyll that my executors gyve unto the poore at my buriall vj^li xiij^s iiij^d or after the sayd buryall and I wyll that my executors my son in lawes and theyre wyffes have ev̄y one of them a blake gowne and my childer that are at my buryall in lyke case gownes and ev̄y servant a blake coote and my pryst a blake gowne I give &c. towarde the glasinge of Winwicke church xx^s and towardes the glasinge of Standishe church xx^s Hytt is my wyll and desyre my wyff my sonne and all other that hathe any landes of my gyft that the shall not take any fynes or trowbell any tennantes that have leases of me durynge the sayd leases nor that the shall take any fynes or gressomes of any tennant that hathe payd me any money as shall appere by a booke of my hand wrytynge as the wyll answere me afore God in another world I wyll that my sonne Hamlett Holcroft shall have one harnys that ys to saye a plate coote or jacke a sallett a payre of spentes and a halbert and in lyke case Thomas Holcroft and James Starkye ev̄y one of them a harnys and all thinges as is aforesayd the resydue of all my goodes my dettes and legasys well and trewly contented and payd and my body browght to Christen buryall I wyll that the shall be dyvyded my goodes one to my selfe the w^ch I gyve the one halfe to my wyff and the other part to my sonnes into thrie partes wherof I wyll my wyff shall have one part and the other partes to be equally devyded amongest my sonnes Hamlett Thomas Harry and Roger I wyll that in case the tennantes of Culchethe wyll purches vj^li xiij^s iiij^d of land to be made suer for ev̄ to hyer a pryst w^th and that he shall have for hys wages v^li xiij^s iiij^d and the clarke xx^s then I wyll and gyve toward the same my best cheane of gold or the valew therof and in case that the wyll bye no land then I gyve them x^li of money toward the hyrynge of a

pryst then the rest of my cheane to be devydyd betwyxte my wyff and my sonnes Wher ther is a seddule hereto annexed what grownd lyeth to my new howse of wch I wyll my cosyn Gerrard shall have payinge the rent aforesayd I shall desyer hym that in case he wyll not dwell at hytt hym selfe then he to lett Hamlet Holcroft my sonne to have yt by a reasonable rent Item I gyve to my sayd sonne Hamlet Holcroft ye landꝭ wch I purchest of Robart Mather and now in the tenure &c. of Christofer Gest to have &c. to the sayd Hamlet during his naturall lyff Item I gyve unto Mathew Bottell my ꝑvant xls Item I gyve unto John Braddell[1] for the love I bere to hym xxs in money desyrynge hym to be frendly to my chyldren Also I doo make my trustye and welbelovyd wyff Dame Anne Holcroft my welbeloved cosyn Gylbart Gerrard esquyer the quenes maiesties geñall atturney my trustie cosyn and frend Wyllyam Gerrard esquyer recordar of Chester and my sonne Hamlett Holcroft [my executors] And also I desyer the ryght honorable eyrle of Darbye that in case my executors cannot agrey wth my childer then hys lordshyp to call them afore hys sayd lordshipe and to make an end amongest them and his lordshipe to have vjli xiijs iiijd for hys peanes And I make thes my supvisors my son in lawes that is to say Thomas Haskythe knyght Peter Warburton esquyer Wyllyam Ratcliff esquier Harry Talbot esquyer ffrancys Holte esquire and Richard Ley esquier In witnes wherof &c. I gyve to Sr Thomas Stanley my velvett gowne wch is unlyned Unto Rychard Massye of Ryxton esquyer the velvett coote wch was my brothers Unto my cosyn John Culchet my satten coote Unto Thomas Swytloffe one cow wth calfe or one hefer wth calfe and two busshell of barlye Unto my sonne Hamlett Holcroft my best cloke Unto Edward Shawe two bullockes I wyll that where I had a mare of John Rysley that hys chyldren shall have money for her at the

[1] John Braddyll of Brockholes and Whalley Esq.; like the Holcrofts, a large purchaser of abbey lands.

syght of neghbours Unto Anne Shawe the howse w^ch^ was her faders.

[Extracts from "A trew and lawfull Inventorye of all singuler good℘ dett℘ and cattell℘ w^ch^ where S^r^ John Holcroft℘ knyght at the tyme of his deathe praysed the v daye of ffebruarii and afowre that daye by Charles Sothurne James Bate John Pendulton John Lyon and others."]

Cattell.

Inp^r^mis v yocke of oxen p^r^ce of ev̄y yocke one w^th^ another v marke	xvj^li^	xiij^s^	iiij^d^
Item xxvj kyne the p^r^ce for ev̄y cow xxix^s^.....	xxxvij^li^	xj^s^	
Item ix stewres the p^r^ce xxiij^s^ a pece	x^li^	vij^s^	iiij^d^
Item xxviij twynturs p^r^ce xvij^s^ a pece	xxiij^li^	iiij^s^	
Item xix calves	vij^li^		
Item ij colt℘ of ij yeres old xx^s^ a pece		xl^s^	
Item one wytt mare the p^r^ce iiij mark℘.....		liij^s^	iiij^d^
Item one dunne mare..... ...		vj^s^	viij^d^
Item one grey nagge		xxxiij^s^	iiij^d^
Item one baye geldynge		xxvj^s^	viij^d^
Item lvij wethers iij^s^ a pece	viij^li^	xj^s^	
Item xj tuppes ij^s^ ij^d^ a pece		xxiij^s^	x^d^
Item c and ix ewes ij^s^ iiij^d^ a pece	xij^li^	xiij^s^	iiij^d^
Item lxxxiij lambes ij^s^ a pece.....	viij^li^	vj^s^	
Item xxxij swyne v^s^ a pece.....	viij^li^		

Corne.

Item viij syffes of ott℘ batynge ij mett℘ at viij^s^ the syffe	iij^li^	ij^s^	
Item v bossell of barlye at vij^s^ the bossell		xxxv^s^	
Item vij bussell of barlye vj^s^ viij^d^ the bussell.....			
Item v bussell lyght ott℘ at xvj^d^ the bussell		vj^s^	viij^d^

Item a bussell of weate		xvj^{s}
Item ij mettꝙ		viij^{s}

Sylv and Plate.

Inp^{r}mis in money	lxiiij^{li}	
Item a bassyn and an ewer of sylv	xiij^{li}	vj^{s} viij^{d}
Item ij cannes of sylv.....	viij^{li}	
Item a nest of gobletꝙ of sylv	iij^{li}	
Item a nest of bowles	iiij mark ꝙ	
Item ij cuppes of sylv.....	xl^{s}	
Item a standynge cuppe of sylv.....	xl^{s}	
Item iij sylv saltes ij of them wth covs	xl^{s}	
Item sylv spones ij dosyn and x spones.....	vj^{li}	

Howsehold stuff at Holcroft.

Item in the corrall chamber hengett wth yalowe and blue buckeram Item in the lityll chamber next unto the corner chamber Item in the medull chamber above hengett wth old tapester Item in the grene chamber hengett aboute wth panted ares worke Item in the great chamber called the dynynge parler havinge hengynge in the wyndowes of yalowe and read sea		xl^{s}
Item in the red chamber henget abowte wth red paynted worke Item in on of hyest chambers ov the gate hanget wth paynted worke of yalowe and redd Item in the other in y^{e} parler of the heyst chambers henget wyt yalowe and blue	iij^{li}	vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item xiij quysshions	iij^{li}	v^{s}	
Item a carpet in the sayd parler	iij^{li}	xiij^{s}	iiij^{d}

In the Butterye at the newe hall.

In p^{r}mis iij pewter saltes		ij^{s}	
Item ij flagyns for wyne.....		viij^{s}	
Item ij dosen of plate trenchers.....		viij^{s}	
Item xij candulstyckes		xx^{s}	
Item vj pewter cannes		xvj^{s}	
Item ij dosyn of boxe trenchers.....			viij^{d}

THE WILL OF EDWARD JANNY OF MANCHESTER, MERCHANT.[1]

IN the name &c. the xxijth day of July in the yeare of our Lord God a thowsand ffyve hundrethe ffyftye and three I Edward Janny of Manchester in the countie of Lancaster marchaunt beynge not sicke nor dyseased but of good and pfecte mynd and memorie &c. &c. ffyrst and pryncypally I offer gyve and bequethe my soule to allmyghtie God or Lady Saynt Marye and all the blessed company of heaven trustinge by the merytes of Christ̄ passion yt to be on of the nomber that shalbe elect and chosen into ev̄lastynge glorye there to be and remeyne wth Abrahm̄ Isaach and Jacob in the kyngdome of heaven and my body to be buryed in the pishe churche of Manchester or wheare hyt shall please almyghtye God I wyll that my wyfe shall have all my howshold good̄ in Manchester holy to her selfe And also all my howses shoppes and tackes in Manchester durynge her lyff she payinge all rent̄ and duties for the same (the

[1] No date of probate. For a notice of the testator see *Notitia Cestr.* vol. i. p. 314, *Note* 11.

shop and higher shop and chamber oꝰ the same wᶜʰ I nowe occupie my selfe reserved) And also the thridd ꝑte of all my goodꝙ yf she be so contentyd And yf she be not then I wyll that upon my costꝙ my executors and she doe take ij lerned men and the indyfferentlye to see what the lawe wyll she shuld have and she to have the same wᵗʰout further busynes I wyll &c. imedyatly after her decesse all my howses shoppꝙ gardeyns and tackes wᶜʰ I have in Manchester (the taꝰne at the Smythe Dowre only reserved) to Henry Aleyn hys heyres and assignes for eꝰ I wyll that the sayd Henry have xxˡⁱ of money he to help hys mother as he shall see cause or as she have nede Also I wyll gyve &c. to her sonne Roꝺt xˡⁱ And more oꝰ where I have an advowson and lease of the vicarage of Bawden whereof certeyn yeres be yet remeynynge for certeyn consyderacons me movynge I gyff &c. all my ryght tytle &c. wᶜʰ I have in the same to my frend Robert Vaudraye his heyres and assignes upon condycyon that he or they do make at all tymes to Thomas Vaudray brother to the sayd Robert V. or his assignes at ther demande one sure sufficyent and lawfull assuraunce of all the howsynge and glebe landꝙ of the sayd vycarage wᵗʰ all other esyamentꝙ that to the same do be longe to have to hym and his assignes durynge all my sayd terme and lease of the same wᵗʰout any rent payinge And also that the sayd Robert and his heyres ayde hym in all his ryghtfull causes in all other landꝙ and tackes now lyinge to the same And where I have payd to Thomas Mynshull for two closes and one medowe for x yeres yet to come I forgyffe hym and his wyff all the same wᵗʰ vˡⁱ wᶜʰ he oweth me more upon condycyon he suffer the sayd Thomas V. to occupye the sayd closes durynge hys lyff he payinge to the sayd Thomas or his assignes xxijˢ by yeare durynge the sayd terme And also the sayd Thomas Mynshull takynge suche a waye wᵗʰ my especyall mayster Sʳ John Holcroft knyghte as he be contented wᵗʰ for the same occupacyon And yf the sayd Thomas M. do not take suche a waye as before is sayd then I wyll he shall pay to the sayd

Thomas V. the sayd some of v^li and suffer hym to occupye the sayd grownd accordynge to thagrement made betwene hym and me I gyff to John Janny of Northerden all suche debts as he owethe me and all the occupacyon of suche grownd as I hold of hym in Tymperley I gyff to Edward Jannye sonne of the sayd John my god sonne iij^li vj^s viij^d To Rauffe Janny xl^s and to ev̄y one of his chyldren iij^s iiij^d To Alys Chatterton doughter of George Chatterton xx^tie nobles in recompence of all reconyng̃e betwyxt her father and me yf any were Also to the mother of Elizabeth Sutton vj^li xiij^s iiij^d to be bestowed amongest hir chyldren as she thynkyth good To my servaunt̃e M^r gery Lees and Elizabeth Lees to eyther of theym fourtie shillinge To Elizabeth Janny doughter of my unkell James Janny xl^s to be put into an honest mans kepynge and delyv̄ed her as nede shall requyre To the wyff of Richard Royle xx^s To Isabell her suster vj^s viij^d To the chyldren of Rondull Manwarynge xlij^s in recompence of all reconyng̃e betwyxt my brother Gee[1] and me yf any were and suche moneye as he owethe me to be alowed in the same Where Rychard Shalcrosse and I have a purchasse of the tav̄ne at the Smythe Dore in Manchester I gyff my pte of the same to my godson Edward Shalcrosse and hys heyres sone to the same Rychard he makynge sufficyent and lawfull assurannce of xiij^s iiij^d yerely to be payd for ev̄ fourthe of the same to the churche wardens of Manchester for the tyme beynge to be by theym yerely bestowed on the repacyon of the condut there And yf there be not way taken that the sayd condut may be suffered and mayntayned there for the com̄en welthe of the sayd towne I wyll that the sayd churche wardens do bestowe and gyff the same yerely for ev̄ to the most pore and nedy people of the towne of Manchester forsayd To George Jonson xl^s of money and all suche debt̃e as he owethe me To the executors of Wyllyam Prowlaf xl^s in

[1] Probably Henry Gee, citizen and alderman of Chester, who appointed his brother Edward Janny overseer of his will dated 2nd September 1545. He owned lands in Manchester and considerable estates in Cheshire.

recompence of suche money as he shuld have had fourthe of the howse of Pyers Hall To John Pedley xl^{s} and to Wyllyam Hardey iij^{s} iiij^{d} To Hamnet Worseley xij^{s} iiij^{d} To Wyll̃m Parker and Roger Urmeston to eyther of theym iij^{s} iiij^{d} To the chyldren of Thomas Massye of Apethrope xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be devyded amongest theym as my executors shall thynke most nedefull To the chyldren of Edmunde Guden xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be lyke wyse devyded I gyff to Adam Holland my bowe and arrowes To the sonne of John Canocke my godson vj^{s} viij^{d} and to ev̄y godson I have iiij^{d} To the wyff of Edward Sympson of Bawden a pere of hose of what clothe she wyll in the shop To Edward Glov̄ and Alys Sedall to eyther of theym v^{s} To Thomas Assheton of Manchester Edward Royle of Tymperley M^{r}garet doughter of Rychard Massye of Oldfeld John Massye of Manchester to ev̄y of theym iij^{s} iiij^{d} To the chyldren of John Hylton iij^{s} iiij^{d} To the wyff of Thomas Assheton to Thomas Laborer the wyff of Elize Sedull Wyllyam Hulton Rauffe Rausson John Veyrey Rauff Hylton James Warton and Nycholas Hechemoght to ev̄y of theym ij^{s} I wyll that my executors shall bestowe ev̄y weke durynge one whole yere next after my decesse v^{s} amongest the pore and especyallye amonge the nyde [needy] sycke foulk$_{e}$ of the towne were the thynke most nedye by thadvyce of Mestres Bekke To Alyson Gebon one Henry Janson of Tymperley to eyther of theym xij^{d} To the mendynge of the lane betwyxte Altryncham and the logher end of Tymperley xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To the mendynge of the lane and makynge of the brydge betwyxt Tymperley Grene and Halefeld xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To the porest howse holders in Bawden pyshe to be bestowed by the dyscretyon of my executors iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} I do forgyff all suche debtes as be wrytten in a byll remaynynge wth this my last wyll accordyngley as they be there in wrytten I wyll that my executors do gather in my debtes by gentylnes and not by the lawe yf the may other wyse have theym I gyff to my suster M^{r}garet vj^{li} To her sonne Edward my good wyll of my howse in Tymperley wherin my suster M^{r}garett dwellythe by lycence of my

mayster S^r^ Rychard Bullen knyght desyrynge hym to be good mayster to hym my executors agreynge w^th^ hym for the same I wyll that Jarvys Tetlowe shall have my best gowne faced w^th^ damaske My gowne of new color faced w^th^ chamlet I wyll that Thomas Cropper shall have To Thomas Hunt glo^v^ my new colered gowne that ys ffurred and faced w^th^ budge I gyff the rest of all my other garmentꝭ to Henry Aleyn I wyll bequethe &c. all my landꝭ tenꝭ &c. w^ch^ I have purchased of Willm Chatterton (the Cloghe Ryddynge only except) to my frend and kynseman Robert Vaudray[1] to have and to hold to hym and his heyres and assignes to hys and there only ꝑper use he makynge suffycyent assuraunce of iiij^li^ yerely to be payd to a suffycyent and honest scole mayster to kepe a ffre scole at Bawden to instruct youthe in vertue and lerninge And also the sayd Robert V. payinge to Alexander Kyrsha threscore poundꝭ w^ch^ I owght to hym I wyll that he gyff and make one sure suffycyent and lawfull annuytie of xx^s^ by yere to my servant Thomas Janny for terme of hys lyff and on other dutie of xx^s^ by yere unto Thomas Pilkynton for terme of hys lyff I beqwethe to Thomas Janny and Rauff Hopwood my servauntꝭ eyther of theym iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ Also I wyll that John Orell shall have xx^li^ of the last payment he oght me forgyven hym he doinge and kepynge all his other paymentꝭ justly and truly I wyll that all these my legacies bequestꝭ and gyftꝭ as be nedefull shalbe w^th^ all spede be fulfylled and ꝑformed and yf my debtꝭ can not be spedely had to fulfyll all theym I wyll that those that my executorꝭ thynke by ther dyscretyon have lest ned and mey best tarry and bayre the same so to theym gyffen shall tarrye the tyme tyll the sayd dettꝭ be gotten in And also I wyll that yf my goodꝭ wyll not

[1] Robert Vawdrey of Riddings Gent., by will dated 12th February 1567–8, entails lands in Cheshire upon his children subject to a payment "to an honest and learned schoolemaster durynge all such tyme as he shall teach grammar schoole at Bowdon or Altrincham yearely iiij^li^ xvj^d^." This no doubt is the reason why Vawdrey has had the credit of being the founder of the school, while it is really due to the liberal and benevolent Manchester merchant.

extend to paye and pforme all these my legacies and bequestꝭ that my executorꝭ shall abate as the thynke good by theire dyscretyon from suche as they thynke mey best beyre and for goe the same And yf there be any ov̄plus then I wyll that my sayd executors shall dystrybute the same amongest my pore frendꝭ as they shall thynke nedefull And I ordeyn &c. and make my most trusty frendꝭ Robert Vaudray of the Ryddyngꝭ gent Rychard Shalcrosse Thomas Redyson of Manchester m̄chaunt and Henry Aleyn my executors &c. And for theyre paynes therin to be taken I wyll that ev̄y on of theym have fyve m̄ks In witnes &c. These beynge witnes Thomas Pilkington Robt Leghe and others.

THOME LEYLAND DE MORLAYES ARMIGERI TESTAMENTUM[1] CUM INVENTORIO.

IN Dei noïe Amen The second day off Apryll in the yeare off owr Lord God a thowsand ffyve hundrethe threscore and twoe and in the ffourthe off the reygne off owr soveraygne Ladye Elizabethe

[1] Proved 23rd September 1564. Sir William Leyland of Morleys Knt. married Anne, daughter and heiress of Allen or Alan Singleton of Withgill in the county of York, by whom he left a son and heir, Thomas Leyland the testator, Anne, wife of Henry Blundell of Crosby Esq., and Margaret, wife of Thomas Parr of Parr Esq.—*Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 59; and 1408, fo. 159. Margaret Parr afterwards married a Byrom. From the *Suffield MSS.* it appears that Sir William married Alice, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. She would be a second wife, and afterwards married Sir Urian Brereton of Honford Knt. by whom she had a family. Sir William Leyland's inquisition post mortem is dated 1 Edward VI., at which time his son and heir Thomas was 33 years of age. Thomas Leyland his son and heir married Anne, daughter of George Atherton of Atherton Esq., by whom he had a daughter and heiress, Anne, wife of Edward, younger son of Thurstan Tildesley of Wardley, Esq. See p. 97. In Fox's *Acts and Monuments*, vol. iii. pp. 775–6, fol. ed. 1684, there is an account of Mr. Leyland's search for and examination of Jeffrey Hurst, brother-in-law of George Marsh the martyr, who would have been committed to Lan-

&c. I Thomas Leylande off the Morlayes wthin the countie off Lancaster esquyer beinge in good healthe &c. doe ordeyne &c. this my last will and testament in man̄ &c. ffyrst I geve and bequethe my soule into the handes off Almyghtye God owr Ladye Saynt Marye and all the holye companye off sayntϱ in heaven and my bodye to christian buryall wthin my owne chapell at Leyghe churche called Saynt Nycolas chapell my ffeate neare adyōyinge to my alter And my mynd and will is to have a ffayre stone layed over me wth scripture sett rounde aboute uppon the sayd stone as hereafter ensuethe Praye for the sowle off Thomas Leylonde esquyer sonne and heyre off S^{r} Willm Leylond knyght w^{ch} heare lyethe Buryed the daye and yeare as Almyghtye God shall apoynte And also to have an image off brasse as ys used uppon the same stone And to have throttene blacke gownes geven to poore [*sic*] And ev̄ye one off my howshold yomen servantϱ to have a blacke coete accordynge to the use off the countrye Also I geve &c. to my servant S^{r} Rauff Parker preist yf he be lyvynge after my deceasse fyve poundes yearlye duringe the terme off my lease w^{ch} I have in the teathe cornes and graynes of Astele to be taken upp off the same duringe all the terme off all the yeares w^{ch} shall chaunce not to be determined expended and expyred the daye of my deathe And off [if] my sayd lease w^{ch} I have off John Urmeston wyll nott extende so ffarre That the sayd S^{r} Rauff to have to make hit upp ffyve poundϱ off the lease w^{ch} I have off Anne Blundell my suster And yff the sayd S^{r} Rauff decease afore the ende off the sayed leases then ffowre poundes off the sayd lease to goe to S^{r} Robert Taylyor duringe the sayd terme yff he be then lyvinge And yff hit chance the sayd S^{r} Robert then to be depted then the sayd ffoure powndes yearely to be bestoed uppon some other honest preist

caster had not the death of Queen Mary prevented it. His death was sudden; for "in July, as the foresaid Tho^{s} Lelond sate in his chair talking with his friends, he fell down suddenly dead, not much moving any joint: and such was his end; from such God us defend." — P. 777. His age was about fifty years.

duringe the sayd terme off the sayd lease by the dyscretion off my executors Also I geve to the amendynge and reypearinge off my sayd chapell att Leighe fortye shillinge to be bestoed uppon it suche tymes as neede shall requiare Also I geve to S^r^ Robert Taylyor yff he be alyve att my decesse x^s^ And to S^r^ Symond Bradshaye yf he be alyve att my deceasse vj^s^ viij^d^ And to everye preste off the sayd pisshe off Leyghe the day off my buryall xij^d^ And to all other preste viij^d^ a pice Also I geve &c. to everye one off poore howsholders dwellinge w^th^in Astele iiij^d^ a pice Also whereas I am att libertye att my pleasure to geve and bequethe the yearelye rente and profette off tenne poundes [from] landes by yeare to my doughter Alis Leylonde unto suche tyme as twoe hundrethe m^r^kes be taken uppe towardes her maryage p̄ferment and advancemēt hit is my mynde and will that my executores shall se a dede accomplisshed w^ch^ was mayd by [me] the sayd Thomas Leylond unto my sayd dowghter Alis berynge date the twentye day off ffebruarye in the ffourthe yeare off the raygne off owre soveraigne ladye Quene Elizabeth &c. accordynge to the trew entente and meanynge off the same dede Also whearcas I have gyven and delyvered unto my servante yomen whos names be subscribed in a sedull hereunto adnexed assygned w^th^ my hand everye one off them a sil^v^ sponne w^th^ T and L uppon the ende and everye off them xx^s^ in moneye and I nowe to have the use off theym durynge my naturall lyfe accordynge to a dede theroff made hit is my mynde and will that the same spones and money shalbe delyvered the daye off my buryall or w^th^in tenne dayes next folowynge att after my decease accordinge to the trew entente and meanynge off the dede to my servants I gyve unto John Perkeynson one incalfe cowe Unto Thomas Woodborne my bed w^ch^ standes in my chamber neare unto my chapell w^th^ twoe co^v^lette ij blankette ij shete the ffether bedd and the bolster To my suster M^r^garett Byrome and Elizabeth Sutton aythcr a blacke gowne and eyther an owle ryall off gold And to my suster Anne Blundell wydowe a blacke gowne and

a dowblett dokett And to my baster sonne Roger Leylonde syx poundes and iiij sylᵛ spones towardes his helpe succor and ꝑferment Also I gyve &c. to hym that shall wryte this my last wyll xˢ To my executors every one off them a blacke gowne Also I have gyven by dede to everye one off my worke servantꝭ iijˢ iiijᵈ a pice bothe men and women To my cosin Grace Shirburne now wyff to Roger Shirburne gent a payre off fflaxen shetꝭ Unto Wiłłm Wolfall one cowe incalfe Also I gyve &c. one shorte worsted gowne wᵗʰ all my apparell wᶜʰ is mayd and shapen for my bodye to my servantꝭ wᶜʰ be in the chamber about me in my sycknes that is to saye Thomas Woodborne Wyłłm Wolffall Jhon Perkynson and Jhon Spekemon silk saten damaske and worsted onlye excepted Also wheare I am bounden to leave twoe greate leades and one iron coffer att my howse called the Morlayes it is my mind and will that my executors shall delyver the same to my ryght heyres off the Morlayes there to remayne as heyre lomes for ever accordynge to the obligacion whearein I stande bounden to Sʳ Uryan Brereton and others off my ffathers executors Also I gyve &c. to my suster Anne Blundell wydowe one ffetherbed twoe covlettꝭ ij payre off newe fflaxen shetꝭ a payre off blankettꝭ and a bolster To my cosin Wiłłm Talbott one rynge wᵗʰ a seale off stone off redd Unto my cosin John Talbott of Salisburye esquyer eyther a sattyn or a damaske gowne wheather shall please hym and also my howpe off gold Unto John Urmeston a ringe of gold wᵗʰ a diamond in hit and a gowne Also it is my mynde and will that all my howshold servantꝭ bothe men and women shalbe kepte to gether uppon my costꝭ and chargꝭ the space off one hole monthe next after my decease at my howse called the Morlayes I will that my executorꝭ shall geve blacke at my buryall att theire discretion Also I gyve &c. unto Thomas Tyldisley sonne unto my sonne in lawe Edward Tyldisley twoe silᵛ spones and one angell off gold Unto my worshipfull cosin Sʳ Rychard Shirburne knyght one rynge off gold wᵗʰ a turke stone in hit Unto my nevye Rychard Blundell one ffetherbed and

all thinges thearunto belonginge And also I ordeyne &c. my welbeloved cosin John Talbott off Salisburye esquyer John Urmeston gent and Sr Rauff Pker preist my executors And my ryght worshypfull cosin Sr Rychard Shirburne knyght supvisor In witness &c. thes being witnes off the same George Caterall James Bolton Willm Wolfall John Spakeman Thomas Clyffe et aliis.

Inventorii om̄ et singulorū bonorū et catellorū que fuerunt Thome Leylonde armiger nup defunct vere appreciat p Johem Southworthe Johem Massie Ranulphū Smythe et Robtū Traves.

In primis xxj fether beddes xxvij bolsters xj pillowes xxx covlettꝙ l blankettꝙ vj bed covinges ij sayes and one quylte xxxiijli ixs Item ij carpettꝙ ij cobord clothes xxjs Item xxvj quysshens ls Item the byff pott and one calderon xxixs Item v other pottes and iiij litle pannes xxs Item iij chafynge dysshes and ij brasen ladellꝙ ijs xd Item ij fryinge pannes and one flesshe hooke xijd Item iiij kytchyn knyves viijd Item iij grydyrones ij drypinge pannes iron rackꝙ Item pott hookes mole ironnes and viij iron spittes xiijs Item one brasen morter one pestell and a fleshe axe vijs Item iiij garnysshe off pewter ij old dysshes and vj potengers vli vjs viijd Item v payre off ffyretonges xxd Item in the daye howse iij pannes one potte wyth all treen vessell in the same xxviijs iiijd Item in the backe howse one brasse panne vjs viijd Item one cage wth cole and cañell vs vjd Item xx payre off canvas shetꝙ ls Item xxxj payre off flaxen shetꝙ xli Item vj bord clothes and one diap clothe xijs Item xj towellꝙ and xxxix buterye napkens xvijs viijd Item ix worse bord clothes and ix worse towellꝙ xiijs Item xix pillowbeares xxiiijs Item a damaske gowne a saten gowne and a velvet cote xli Item ij saten dublettꝙ and one velvet gyrkyne xxs Item one velvett hatt and one velvett cappe xiijs iiijd Item ij wolsted gownes ij clothe gownes ij clothe cotes ij payre off hose one dublet j cloke vli Item iiij carchaffes xij shirtꝙ and iiij napkennes xliiijs iiijd Item xxviij payre off bedstockes liijs iiijd Item in

sponnes lx onces and iij also one goblett wth a cover xij onces also one salt wth a cover duble gylt xiij onces also one other salt wth a cover and pcell gylte viij onces also silv̄ cuppes and ij covers xxj onces xxv^{li} vij^{s} Item one cheane off golde xxxviij^{li} Item iiij bassines iiij ewers ij pewter cannes ij voyders ij pewter salt℄ and xij sawser trenchers xxviij^{s} Item xiiij candelstickes off maslen and ij off tynne xv^{s} Item vj almeres vj cupbordes and iiij counters xlvj^{s} viij^{d} Item vessell℄ in the larder xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item in the brewhowse xiij stond℄ iiij keares iij hogshed℄ xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item ij brendrethes v arkes ij deyshenes xxix^{s} iiij^{d} Item all the bed henginges in all the howse xxx^{s} Item a leade in the kylne vij^{s} viij^{d} Item instrement℄ pteyn̄ge to husbandrye of irō hengblet℄ liij^{s} iiij^{d} Item xv colffers a bassine and a ewer and a wasshinge bassen iij^{li} viij^{s} Item a sumpter sadle and a stoned horse iij^{li} Item xij styrkes x twinters and x oxen xxxviij^{li} Item xiiij calves and xviij kyne xxvij^{li} x^{s} Item xij old horses and one baye geldinge ix^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} Item iij boares ij sowes and xx yonge swyne v^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d} Item vij fatt beasse x^{li} Item xviij gese and xl duckes xj^{s} viij^{d} Item and [*sic*] acrees off barlye and xxij acrees of otes xxxvij^{li} Item ij acrees and a halffe in wheate v^{li} Item xij acrees off haye and ij yonge mayres viij^{li} Item iij hundrethe loode off turves xl^{s} Sum̄a totalis cccxj^{li} iiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

M^{d} that the ffun̄all expenc℄ and buryall cōythe to in all lxx^{li} Dett℄ owynge by the sayd Thomas Leylonde liiij^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d}.

Thees be the names off my servante yomen to whome I have [bequeathed] the said spones and money unto as followeth In p^{r}mis Edmonde Leye xx^{s} and a spōne [The same to] Wyllyam Wolfall Thomas Wodborne John Spakeinā Thomas Beselaye Thomas Clyffe John Pkinson Nicolas Woorslaye Item Willm Ptington xx^{s}.

RICARDI BRERETON DE LEY[1] ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI TESTAMENTUM CUM INVENTORIO.

IN the name &c. The xxiijth daye of ffebruarii in the yeare of o^{r} Lorde God 1557 I Richarde Brereton of the Ley in the countie of Chester esquier beynge hole in bodie and of pfecte memorie thanke be to o^{r} Lord God oñipotent but dreadinge the unc̃tayne houre of deathe when itt shall come w^{ch} is naturallye incident to all men do make my last will and testament in mañ and forme folowinge ffirste I bequethe my sowle to almyghtye God maker of all thinges and to o^{r} blessed Ladie &c. Imp^{r}mis I do give &c. unto my sonne and heire apparant George Brerton two salte of silv̄ gilte thone wth a cov̄ to the same saute belonginge and another litle trencher salte of silv̄ and gilte wth a cov̄ to the same belonginge Unto my said sonne George Brereton thirteyne greate silv̄ sponnes wth gilte kneppes uppon the endes of everye of them and two lr̃es beynge a P and a B graven upon everye of them Unto my sayd sonne George a drinkinge cuppe of silv̄ and gilte wth a cov̄ to the same cuppe belonginge Unto my sayd sonne George a greate maser bounde aboute wth silv̄ two greate ringe of base gould upon either of them a seale thone is graven wth a beast lyinge under a tree and thother havinge a dyamonde in the same Unto my said sonne George Brereton my chayne of gould wayinge thirtie and three pounde [*sic*] Unto my said sonne George B. one greate chalice beinge dowble gilte Unto my two dowghters Anne B. and Jane B. all the residewe and rest of my goodes moveable and unmovable and debte dewe unto my executors to be equallye devyded and distributed betwixe them That in case either of my said dowghters dye before the tyme of her maryage then that

[1] He was younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt., and married Thomasine, daughter and heiress of George Ashley of Ashley Esq. See p. 135.

the same said porcõn of goodꝛ and debtꝛ to her that shall happen so to decease appoynted shalbe to the ꝑfermẽt and maryage of her said sister then lyvinge If itt fortune both my said dowghters to dye before they be maried then my said sonne George B. shall have all suche goodꝛ as I have bequethed to my said two dowghters That my welbe[loved] mother dame Elener Brereton widowe shall have thuse and occupacõn of all my goodꝛ in this will and inventorye conteyned duringe her naturall lyef if itt be her pleasure so to have That the executors of this my last will hereafter named duringe and bye all the terme that my said dowghters or either of them shalbe unmaryed shall have the occupacon and receyve thissues ffrutꝛ rentꝛ and ꝑffettꝛ of the late chauntrye of o^{r} Ladye of S^{t} Johns in Chester to thonlye use of my said dowghters and either of theym untill suche tyme they and either of them shalbe unmaryed of and for the bringinge up and fyndinge of theym w^{ch} said late chauntrye I have and houlde by reason of a lease heretofore made by S^{r} Peter Brereton clarke nowe decessed and the deane and chapter of S^{t} Johns in Chester Unto S^{r} John Dye chaplen a lytell chalice of silver that I lende unto my father in lawe George Assheleye esquyer I do constitute as myne executors my welbe[loved] mother Dame Elenor Brereton widowe S^{r} Uryan Brereton knighte George Assheleye esquyer and S^{r} John Dye chaplen In witnes &c.

The inventorye of the goodes and cattalls late of Richard Brereton esquyer appreysed by the othes of Wiłłm Cotgrave of Chester inholder Wiłłm Dod of Chester n^{r}chaunt Wiłłm Dod of the same shermon and Robert Brokꝛ of Upton the ij^{d} daye of Novemb anno Dñi 1558 by thappoyntment of the Reverende Father in God Cuthbert Bisshopp of Chester.

Att Ley nere Mydlewyche.

In the chapell.

On vestement of unwatered chamlett wth a crosse of red velvet an albe an amys a corpis and a case a stole a ffannon a girdell of whyte threede ..... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

One fayre masse booke of pchment ..... x^{s}

On broken bell wthout a clapper by estimacion on half hundrethe weight .... xv^{s}

On sacringe bell .... viij^{d}

On starre wth a glasse in the mydle ..... xx^{d}

In the greate plor.

On fetherbed a boulster two pillowes and two blankette beynge very oulde and full of hooles ..... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item ould red mantell .... ij^{s}

In the litle plor.

On feither bed a boulster ij pillowes iij curtens a cov̄lett and an oulde coverynge .... xxvj^{s} viij^{d}

The hangingē abowte the chamb̄ of steyned buckeram... xx^{s}

In the chamb̄ ov̄ the chappell.

A feitherbed a boulster ij pillowes ij ould quilkes a testorne and thre curtens of course stayned fustyan wth a trusse bed and an oulde cov̄ynge off Dornekē..... xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d}

On quyssion of silke wroghte wth a neylde and lyned wth blewe saten .... v^{s}

On oulde carpett quyssyon..... xij^{d}

On quyssyon of Crueles .... iij^{s}

On lytle tressell .... viij^{d}

In the greate chamb ov the greate plor.

On feare carven bed case	xx^{s}	
On fether bedd	x^{s}	
The hanginges aboute the stone chamb ov and besydes the steynīge w^{ch} my ladie payd for	xx^{s}	
On old throwen chere		iiij^{d}
On turnīge chere		xvj^{d}

In the chamb ov the litle plor.

On feare carven bed case	xiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
On litle carven bed case	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
Two throwen cheres		x^{d}

In the halle.

On cupbord wth a course voate [*sic*]	viij^{s}	

In the logher plor.

Thre curtens and a testorne of steyned clothe	iij^{s}	iiij^{d}

In the Rose chamb.

The hangingc aboute the same ov and besydes the staynīge w^{ch} is affermed to be payd for by my Ladie	x^{s}	
On trusse bed case	v^{s}	
A testorne and iij curtens of course steyned fustyon	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
On cubberde	v^{s}	
On payre of virginalls	xxxiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
On lute	iiij^{s}	
iij old broken vyallc	iiij^{s}	
On close presse	x^{s}	
On joyned cofer	vj^{s}	
Two flannders chestc bounde wth iron	xxvj^{s}	viij^{d}

Two launde irons on fyre shewe and one payre of tongꝭ trymmed wᵗʰ brasse	xˢ	
One bakinge ston of iron	ijˢ	vjᵈ
On pan of brasse to cov̄ the same wᵗʰ	iiijˢ	
On brolinge iron		xxᵈ
On broche	ijˢ	vjᵈ
On other litle broche and a bridd broche		viijᵈ
On wat̄ pott of pewter		xijᵈ
Two cheres		xᵈ
A polaxe and a huntinge staffe		xvjᵈ
Two brusshes		viijᵈ
On payre of spurres		viijᵈ
A morter and a pestell	vjˢ	viijᵈ

In the litle loft next to the Rose chamb̄.

A packe sadell for a sumpter horse wᵗʰ thapp̄tenñꝭ	iijˢ	iiijᵈ
An old hayvye sadell	ijˢ	
A brydell bytt for a greate horse		xijᵈ

Cattell.

On bay mare	xxiijˢ	iiijᵈ
On bay fyllie	xxvˢ	
On blake stoned horse	cˢ	

In the joyned coffer in the said Rose chamb̄.

On box of ev̄ye for a pyxe		iiijᵈ
Two greate christalls to sett upon imagꝭ feete	ijˢ	
One dosen of yellowe silke poyntes viij rybben poyntꝭ and a pece of redde bobben silke lace		vjᵈ
A dosen skynnes of whyte blake and blewe threede		iijᵈ
Foure broken peces of redd saten		xijᵈ
On girdell of whyte silke		xijᵈ

Two bells for a sumpt̄ horse .... vj^{d}
Two litle caskettꝭ on cov̄ed wth velvet and thother bounde wth iron .... xij^{d}
Certen gardes of old velvett ..... iiij^{d}
An old standishe..... .... j^{d}
On feare greate payre of amb^{l} baydꝭ on shorte payre of amb^{l} baydꝭ viz. ix baydꝭ and on payre of wood baydꝭ ... . ij^{s}

Plate in the said coffer.

On great maser bole bounde wth silv̄ by estymacion xxxvth ownneꝭ comonly called St. Worburge bowle .....viij^{li}

In the Librarye.

On masse boke of pchement .... vj^{s} viij^{d}
The story of Huon of Burdeax .... xviij^{d}
The storye of the Syege of Troye beynge old ..... x^{d}
A boke to distill waters ..... xvj^{d}
Two litle bokꝭ of huntinge and hakinge ..... vj^{d}
Two comūion bokꝭ..... ....
Ortus vocabulorū .... xij^{d}
A boke of sophistaſ ..... ij^{d}
A boke of feitꝭ of armes..... .... xvj^{d}
The erudicion of the faythfull ..... vj^{d}
Two bokꝭ of logicke .... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
On old state boke ..... iij^{d}
Two old bokꝭ of syvell lawes..... xij^{d}
An old boke of phisicke... .... ij^{d}
An old Latten boke written conc̄nēge scripture ..... ij^{d}
A boke of jestꝭ .... j^{d}
A booke of service of o^{r} Ladie for a p̄st in pchement and lr̃es lym̄ed wth gould ..... xx^{d}

A booke concĩnge the comũion of sayntꝛ ..... j^{d}
A boke of phisike .... viij^{d}
A boke of estronymie..... xij^{d}
A old boke of scripture ..... ij^{s}
A storye of greate Alex̃ .... viij^{d}
An old litle cronicle .. .. iiij^{d}
A boke of phisike .... v^{s}
The regyment of helthe .... viij^{d}
Pyers Ploghman..... .... vj^{d}
Two litle bokes of scripture .... xvj^{d}
Virgill..... ..... iiij^{d}
A boke of naturall philosiphie .... vj^{d}
A boke of thorder of fryers..... ..... ij^{d}
A declacon apon the Actꝛ of thappostellꝛ..... viij^{d}
A litle boke of the jurisdiccõn of the churche made by Peter Bartrad..... ..... j^{d}
A litle boke collected owt of scripture . ..... ij^{d}
A boke entitled to follow Christ .... iiij^{d}
A breyf cronicle of the worlde .... vj^{d}
A fayre byble in Laten concĩnge scripture .... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}
Salomans ꝑverbes .... iiij^{d}
A litle boke [of] ꝑers..... .... ij^{d}
A litle boke of scripture in Latten..... iiij^{d}
A litle boke of Englishe lawes ..... iiij^{d}
An Englishe boke called the Dore off Holye Scripture...
A newe Testament in Englishe.....
Natura breviũ ..... viij^{d}
A boke of scripture written .... ij^{d}
Polid Virgill .... vj^{d}
A boke of scripture..... .. .. xij^{d}
An other boke of scripture..... iiij^{d}
Mampulꝛ [or Manipulꝛ] Curaꝫ .... iiij^{d}

Enchiridion ..... iiij^{d}
Pyers Ploghman ..... viij^{d}
The homylies ....
An old boke of prickesonge .... j^{d}
An old vestment of wolstie wth a crosse of whyte saten of Brugges an albe an amys and a stole ..... xij^{s}
A hanginge to hange before the image apon the aulter of stayned fustian ..... viij^{d}
An hanginge for the front of the aul^{t} ..... ij^{s}

Harnes.

Two hed peeces a payre of splentꝭ and gauntelettꝭ..... xx^{s}
A litle tee of Flannders makinge ..... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
A male for a sump^{t} horse .... vj^{s} viij^{d}
Fyve old candlestickꝭ of brasse for the churche..... v^{s} iiij^{d}
Brasen weightꝭ after the standert .... ij^{s} vj^{d}
Fyve chaundelers of brasse .... v^{s} iiij^{d}
On chafynge dishe wth a foote ..... v^{s}
A lav^{t} for a barbor of brasse ..... ij^{s}
On pye case wth a cov^{t} xij trenchers and two cruetꝭ all of pewter..... ..... viij^{s}
viij potingers of pewter .... vj^{s} viij^{d}
xij potage disshes ..... vj^{s}
viij saucers .... ij^{s} viij^{d}
viij brode disshes..... .... x^{s} viij^{d}
Two candlestickꝭ of pewter .... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
One pewter bottell .... xx^{d}
On London pottell .... ij^{s}
On littell pewter bottell..... .... xij^{d}
On London pynt of pewter wth a standinge foote.. . .... x^{d}
Two drinkinge cuppes of pewter .... xij^{d}
On trecle boxe of pewter .... ij^{d}

Two wesshinge bassons of pewter	ij^{s}
On great voydiar	ij^{s} vj^{d}
On possett boule of pewter	xij^{d}
On bottell of glasse	x^{d}
On brasse posnett	iij^{s}
On chafer	ij^{s} viij^{d}
On arminge sword	xx^{d}
On litle bell	xvj^{d}
Two shef of old arrowes and old cases wth girdells	xvj^{d}
On pax of white bon	iiij^{d}
On blake walkinge staff tipped wth whyte bon above and benethe called S^{t} Chad$\wp$ staff	viij^{d}
Gold weighes wth a case	viij^{d}
A combe case wth a glasse dyall iiij combes of whyte bon	xvj^{d}
On fyne standishe co$\bar{v}$ed wth lether	ij^{s}
A sett of chestmen wth a boxe	ij^{d}
On duste boxe	ij^{d}
On fyre ball of brasse	iiij^{d}
Two diall$\wp$ thon of c$\bar{v}$y and thother of brasse	viij^{d}
On snufter for candell$\wp$	iiij^{d}
A sett of counters	j^{d}
On hom^{9} for a woodknyff	ij^{d}
The image of o^{r} Ladie paynted in a fayre table and p$\bar{c}$ell gilte wth paynters gyld$\bar{i}$ge	iij^{s} iiij^{d}

In on of the Flaunders chest$\wp$ in the Rose chamb.

Foure cupbord carpett$\wp$ and ij table carpett$\wp$	v^{s}
Sixteyne pillowe beares	ix^{s}
xij diap napkins	vj^{s} x^{d}
Twentie handcarchaft$\wp$ w^{ch} semed to have byn crysams	vj^{s} viij^{d}
xij napkins treyled wth silke	vj^{s} viij^{d}
vij cupbord clothes	viij^{s} ij^{d}

vj twoellꝙ ..... iij^{s}
On shorte towell an old amys and a lynnen bage for a chalice ..... viij^{d}
On sup altaꝛ̃ ..... viij^{d}
Foure payre of the best flaxen sheetꝙ ..... xxiiij^{s}
iij payre of flaxen sheetꝙ of the secund sort ..... x^{s}
iij flaxen sheetꝙ very course ..... iij^{s}
ij payre of canvas sheetꝙ ..... iiij^{s}
On longe table clothe ..... viij^{s}
On quilke cap ..... vj^{d}

In a presse in the said chamb̃.

On payre of old buskins ..... iiij^{d}
Two payre of whyte velvett shoes on payre of blake velvet shoes on payre of spruce shoes ..... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
On cheane of maslen ..... xij^{d}
On payre of taringe irons ..... ij^{d}
On wood knyf ..... iiij^{s}
On blake coate gardet wth velvet wth lose sleves ..... x^{s}
Two payre of sore worne velvet breches and an old payre of saten breches ..... xij^{d}
On malinge sheete of canvas ..... xij^{d}
On velvet cap and an old velvet hatt ..... vj^{s} viij^{d}
On broken flagge for an auncient ..... xvj^{d}
On box wth x silke poyntꝙ and iij skynes of stychinge silke ..... vj^{d}
On blake velvet cap a bruche wth a ston and iiij ꝑles in hitt and xxvj payre of aglettꝙ of gold on hitt ..... lxiij^{s} iiij^{d}

In the other Flannders chest in said chamb̃.

On old velvet sword gyrdell ..... xij^{d}
On girkin of spruce leather cut and styched wth red silke vj^{s} viij^{d}

On taffate cloke leyd apon w^{th} bon lace ..... xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d}
On whyte dublett of course sekclothe..... ij^{s}
On payre of whyte hose w^{th} saten breches o$\overline{v}$ worne..... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
On payre of old red hose w^{th} breaches of red velvet..... vj^{s} viij^{d}
On payre of blake hose made of the Italian facion and lyned w^{th} taffate..... vj^{s}
A red saten dublet w^{th}owt sleves ..... xx^{s}
On white saten dublett ..... x^{s}
On old tany saten dublett ..... v^{s}
A jacke co$\overline{v}$ed w^{th} old blake saten and a payre of sleves to the same co$\overline{v}$ed w^{th} blake fustyon ..... v^{s}
Of [*sic*] coate of plate ..... x^{s}
On old blake velvet gyrkin..... v^{s}
On old gyrkin of blake pressed velvet w^{th} ij crosses of red saten..... vj^{s} viij^{d}
A payre of old tauny hose w^{th} breeches of old tauny velvet sore worne ..... xx^{d}
One payre of very old blake hose w^{th} breaches off blake velvet ..... xx^{d}
On payre of old blake saten sleaves cut..... xij^{d}
On old blake saten dublet cut and hoole brested ..... viij^{s}
On old clothe gowne y^{e} colour iron graye faced w^{th} blake cony and lyned w^{th} whyte..... viij^{s}
On old cloke of the said color gardet of hit self..... ij^{s} vj^{d}
On shurt duble cufted and edged w^{th} sil$\overline{v}$ lace ..... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
On short gowne of old branche damaske gardet w^{th} velvet and faced w^{th} conye ..... xx^{s}
On stole ..... x^{d}
On jacke w^{th} a brest of plate..... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
On old payre of sleves of spruse leither..... iiij^{d}
On payre of old shoes of red velvet ..... viij^{d}

Att my Ladie Brertons house att S^{t} Johns Churche yard in Chester.

In the halle.

On foulden bourde and a forme..... .... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

In the loft in the logher ende of the halle.

On blake saten gowne faced wth conye ..... liij^{s} iiij^{d}
On clothe gowne faced wth cony and garded wyth velvet .. .. xl^{s}
On old wolstid gowne faced wth bugge... . ..... xx^{s}
On payre of blake velvet shoes and ij payre of tany velvet shoes ... . xviij^{d}
On old taffate hatt..... xx^{d}
On tipped of furre ..... viij^{d}
A smale rounde table..... .... ij^{s}
On brod chest and an old coffer bound wth bandϱ of iron iiij^{s}

In the greate loft o$\bar{v}$ the plor at the upper end of the halle.

On folden table ..... viij^{s}
On Flaunders chest ..... vj^{s} viij^{d}
On carven close stole ..... ij^{s} vj^{d}

In the chappell.

On alter of carven worke wth a presse above and benethe v^{s}

Plate.

Thirteyne silv̄ spones wth flat kneppes gilt and thes lr̃es P B graven apon att iiij^{s} the ownce thends wayinge xxvth ow̃eϱ and iij quarters..... ..... v^{li} xv^{s} x^{d} ob̄
On square silver salte gilt wthowt a co$\bar{v}$ whayinge vij ow̃ceϱ a half and a half quarter xxxviij^{s} j^{d} ob̄

On other square silver salte wth a cov̄ gilte wayēge x ownnce and a half quarter..... l^{s} vij^{d} ob̄

On litle silver salt wth a cov̄ giltt weyghinge two ownnc℮ and a half quarter .... x^{s} vij^{d} ob̄

On silver cup wth a cov̄ gilt weyghinge x ownnc℮ and a half and half a quarter ... liij^{s} j^{d} ob̄

In S^{r} Uryan Brertons howse att the Nunes in Chester.

On northeren dagḡ wth ij knyves and a boyd-kyn pcell gilt ..... viij^{s}

On rap the blade old gilt apon ..... v^{s}

On sword the blade gilt apon..... vj^{s} viij^{d}

Juell℮.

On tablet of gold weyghinge ij ow̃c℮ lackinge an angelweight ..... vj^{li}

On bruche of gold weyghynge ij angell℮ and a quarter..... xxvj^{s} viij^{d}

On bracelet of gold weyghynge eight angell℮.. iiij^{li}

On ringe of gold wth a turnïge head and a mayd℮ face graven therupon on gemewe of gold wrythen and on ringe of gold bendet of the hart facion wheyinge iij angell℮ and a quarter ..... xxxv^{s}

Two ringe℮ of gold wth dyamond℮ weyghinge iij angell℮ and a quarter..... l^{s}

On ringe of gold wth a garnet ston in hitt on other ringe of gold wth a redd garnett on other ringe of gold wth a greine ston in hitt wth ij lr̃es vidz A A apon either side of hitt wheyēge iiij angell℮ and the iij pt of an angell..... xliij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item in redy moneye ..... cxxix^{li} j^{d}

Item remaynīge att New Castell a tente wth ropes to the same w^{ch} was laft in the house of Willm Harrȳgton in Newe Castell apon Tyne dwellīge att the syne of the Crowne in Pelgā Streite ofered for the same ..... iij^{li}

Two knowches of gold for a cap thon wth a ꝑle thother wth a garnet a bruche of gold wth the kingꝭ armes in hitt and iiij ꝑles and ij stones apon the same vidz thon a safure thother a garnett weyghinge vj angellꝭ... iij^{li}

On eye ston sett in silv̄ ..... viij^{d}

On hert of silver gilt wth xix ꝑles on litle knowche of silver wth iij garnettꝭ and a ꝑle on whistell of silver gilt and on gemewe of silver wyre weyghinge an ownnce and a quarter... . ..... viij^{s}

Two mase ringꝭ of silver and on toythe pyke of silver weyghinge iij qrs̄ of an ownnce... iiij^{s}

On litle hulped rynge of silver and gold.... .... ij^{s}

On fruntelet of silver gilt weyghinge ij owñcꝭ quarter and a half quarter ..... xij^{s}

On blue ringe .... ij^{s} vj^{d}

On cheane of gold weyghinge viij ownceꝭ and a qūtr̄... ....xxiiij^{li} xv^{s}

On syned of gold wth a brere and a ston on turīnge ringe of gold wth a dead mans head on thone syde and an achorne on the other syde weyghinge vij angellꝭ.. ..... iij^{li} x^{s}

Stones to sett in ringes.

xxvij ꝑles weyghinge half a quarter and half of a quarter of an ownnce ..... ij^{s} vj^{d}

On Cornelus ..... ij^{d}
On crapadyn ..... ij^{d}
Two dublettꝭ ..... ij^{d}
v stones made of glasse and on whyte amell... ij^{d}
On serpentꝭ tonge ..... ij^{s} vj^{d}
On litle pece of a unicornes horne ..... v^{s}
On whyte sittarne ..... vj^{d}
On amytistꝭ ..... iiij^{d}
ix litle blewe stones ..... ix^{d}
iij litle stones on whyte an other redd an other greyne..... iij^{d}
iiij great blewe stones..... viij^{d}
On litle ple..... ob̃
On litle red ston and on other blake..... ij^{d}
iiij litle currallꝭ ..... ob̃
On very litle rose of gold amyled ..... iiij^{d}
On rebewe ..... ij^{s} vj^{d}
On litle turkꝭ ..... viij^{d}
On litle juell coffer set abowt wth mother of ple and garnysshed wth copper and gilt... vj^{s} viij^{d}

Ꝑ me Willm Dode. Ꝑ me Robtū Brokꝭ.

A litle nagge ..... xxiiij^{s}
On litle chales weyghinge vj oz̃..... xxvij^{s}
ij brasse chaundlers for wax on pillowe of whyte velvet and gold on litle iron bound cofer a rushet mātell and a candle stycke of wood ..... xx^{s} iiij^{d}
A box viij spice plates on old quishion the picture of o^{r} Ladye on lute on litle box on old male on herse x pillowe beres lij table napkins ..... xliiij^{s} viij^{d}

On longe box togather wthall on walkīge staff
one fyre shewell carven latt^{e} a payre of old
tables a sett of chest men of oliphant^{e}
teeth on litle boke of palmesy ..... vij^{s} x^{d}
On litle standert of twigg^{e} to sett an hot dishe
on ..... jd

The copy of the inventorye off Richard Brereton esquier decessed.

TESTAMENTUM THOME SCHARESBREK ARMIGERI.[1]

IN Dei noīe Amē The iiijth day of October the xxij ye^{r} off the reigne off Kyng Henry the viijth I Thomas Scharesbreke esquier beyng holl of mynd and knowyng the howre off deth un^{c}ten ordeyne and make my testament and last will in ma^{n} and forme foloyng ffyrst I beqweth my sowle to allmyghty God o^{r} Lady Saint Mary and all the holy cōpany off heavē and my body to be buret in the pyche churche off Ormeskyrke befo^{r} the ymage off Sanct Nicholas on the sowthe syde off the sayd churche Also I beqwethe my best qwyke catell to the curate off my pych churche in name off my mortua^{r} And forsomyche as I have coven^{a}nted w^{t} Dorothe Bothe wydowe for the mariage off my son and heire apparent as appereth by ^{c}ten indenture beiryng dayte the vjth day off Ju!y the xxth ye^{r} off Kyng Henry the viijth I can not adde alter nor minusche any

[1] No date of probate. Thomas, son of Gilbert Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Poole of Poole in the county of Chester Esq., married Elizabeth, base daughter of Thomas Earl of Derby, by whom he had James, Gilbert, Margaret wife of Langtree of Langtree, Maud, and Anne. His son and beir James married Dorothy, daughter of John Booth of Barton Esq., from whom, through an heiress, descends Charles Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. — *Lanc. Visit.* 1567.

articull or covenñt specified in the sayd indentures but to my grete dannger and dannger of my sureties onlesse I have the cōsent off the sayd Dorathe I will that the feoffes of my maners landꝭ and tentꝭ &c. shall stond and be seased off londꝭ and tentꝭ &c. off the clere yerely value off tenne markes oṽ reprses wyche be specified and notified in a scedule to this my will annexed to th'use off my sone Gilbte Scharesbrek for terme off his lyffe &c. Also I will that my sayd feoffes schall stand and be seased off other landꝭ and tentꝭ &c. to and off the yerely value off xxti pondꝭ oṽ reprses &c. to th'use of Jane my wyffe ffor terme of hur lyffe &c. in the name and full recompense off her ioynture and dower yff she wilbe yrwt content or ells she to be at liberte to sewe at the comen lawe for her lawfull porcion off my sayd landꝭ Also I will that iff any pson or psons do vex trowble sewe by accion or cōplant myne executors anendꝭ the execution off this my last will or when they take payne to ryde goo or labur anendꝭ or for the execution off my said will then I will that my said executors and eṽy off them schall receyve and take off th'issues pfettꝭ and revenewes off myne other landꝭ not herbefore willed nor specified all thayr reasanable costꝭ and expenses and that my feoffes schall suffur them so to do or ellꝭ the said costꝭ and expenses to be had off my gudꝭ and catellꝭ Also I will that my feoffes and thaire heires schall stand and be seased off all and eṽy pcell off myne other maners landꝭ and tentꝭ and other the p̃misses wheroff I am now ptyñ off the pfittꝭ to the use heꝛaftur ensuyng that is to wytte wheꝛ I and my said sureties stand bounden by owr escrptes obligatorie to the said Dorothe in grete sum̃es off money amonges other articles that iff it happen her doghtors ffrancys and Dorathe to decesse before that thay or ether off them whych shall fortune to marie Jams my son and heire apparent or any other my son and heire apparent before that the said dortor so maried or that oon off them long̃ lyvyng come and be off the full age off xviij yeres havyng non issue inheritable to my said landꝭ by any my son

and heire apparent then beyng in playne lyffe that then I schall repaye to the said Dorathe the moder the moytie and halffdeale off all such sum̄es off money as I have receyved off her or schall receyve befor̄ the decesse off the sayd doghters for the said mariage Wher̄ for̄ iff this case happen wyche God forbydde then I will that my said feoffes schall suffur my said sureties and their heris to take and pceyve off my maners land̄ and tent̄ afor̄ said the fyrst yere next aft^{r} the decesse off the said Frances and Dorathe the doghters fortie markes and ev̄y yere aftur twentie markes at days accustomed untyll they and ev̄y off them be clerely exon̄ated and discharged off the said payment̄ anendes the said Dorathe the mader and her executors Also I will that my said feoffes shall stond and be seassed off meases land̄ and tennt̄ to and off the clere yerely value off xx^{li} pcell off myne inherit"unce and that thay suffur myne executors to pceyve and take th'issues and pfitt̄ off the same for th'exibicion and mariage off my thre dorthtors Margaret Maude and Anne untyll the tyme the sum̄e off two hundreth pownd̄ theroff be pceyved and tayken by my said executors and to be put in the kepyng off the p^{r}or and cōvent off Byrkyn[head] ffor the use aforesaid and this to be done by the advise off the supvisors off this my will Also I will that my howseholl serv"nt̄ wych have waḡ off me and dwell in my howse at the tyme off my decesse schall have ev̄y off them on quarters waḡ Also it is my will that myne uncull James Scharesbrek schall have the custodie rule and gov̄naunce off my son Gylb̄te and his land̄ and se hym kepet to scole and th'issues off his said land̄ not to be wastyd but to be employed to his use and pfitte untyll he com and be off the age off xx^{ti} yeres Also it is my will that iff I fortune to decesse my son and heire beyng not at his full age that my said feoffes and their heris schall stand and be seassed off pcell off suche my land̄ tennt̄ and hereditamēt̄ as then schuld remane to my son and heire or to any other clamyng by or to his use to and off the clere yerely value off sex markys to the use that an honest p̄st wyche schalbe elect by

myn executors wyche schall yerely have the sayd sex markꝭ for the space off sevyn yeris to say masse at the alter off Sanct Nicholas in the pyche church off Ormyskyrke and to do other divine service dayle in the said churche and to pray for my sole and my parentꝭ and all crysten soules onlesse that he have a resaunable and a lafull impedimēt yff it so may be wtowte hurte or p̄iudice off my sayd suretꝭ in breyche off eny off my covenntꝭ or articles specified in the said indenturꝭ off mariage off my said son and heire apparent Also &c. that all suche my guddꝭ and catellꝭ and sum̄es off money as be owghyng to me for the mariage off my son and heire apparent as schall remayne oṽ my fun̄all expenses my dettꝭ and legacies befor̃ rehersed wyche I may lafully giffe or beqwethe schall growe and be bestowed toward th'exibicion and mariage off my said doghters Also &c. that all suche guddꝭ and catellꝭ and utensils as schall be wryten in a byll or scedule herūto annexed aftr my decesse schall remane in my man̄ place off Scharesbreke to the use off my son and heire and so to cōtynewe theire as heire lomes to myne heires lordꝭ off Scharesbreke Also that my said feoffes schall suffur myne executors to take and peeyve yerely off the issues and pfittes off my sayd maners meases &c. as myche mone as schalbe necessary for the repation and sustentation off my man̄ place off Scharesbreke wt the barnes oxen howses howses off office and all other edifices wtin the scituatiṓ off my sayd man̄ place frome tyme to tyme duryng the nonage off my son and heire apparent and to se the sayd money employed to the same use and to no other Also that my sayd feoffes and also my sayd son and heire apparent and in lyke wyse Jane my wyffe and Gylbt my son schall suffur all suche ten̈ntꝭ and fermors as now have in ferme or hold eny lond off me at my will or for terme off yeres schall suffur the same peaceably to occupye theire fermes leysses and tenntꝭ wt th'appurtenntꝭ payng for the same lyke fermes rentꝭ and services as thay do to me wtowte expulsion or vexation duryng the nonage off my son and heire apparent And also I require and hertely

praye myne entierly beloved cosyn Robt̃ Hesketh and myne uncle James Scharesbrek esquiers to be ov̊sears off this my last will and humbly and hertely require them to se this my will to be truly executed and pformed Also I ordayne and make Ranulphe Pole clerke Jamys my son and Richard Aghton to be myne executors and admiñstrators off my gudd℘ and catell℘ trustyng in them that this my last will schall be by them truly executyd In wittenes where off to this my sayd last will I have sette my seale thes beyng wyttenes S^r^ Rog̊ Burskowe S^r^ Rog̊ Shawgh chapleyns James Waryng Willm Watkynson Ewan Hill and other.

The cope off the scedule off heire lomes at Scharesbrek.

In the chapell.

Tow vestimēt℘ tow chesibles two albes a chales a corporas a sup altare awlter clothes w^t^ others belongynge to the same two masse bokys xij ymages closed in box cases two ymages not closed.

In the kychyn and brewhowse.

The grete brasse pott℘ two long broches a payre off yron rakkes two grette fowrnes fyve leades sette in tr̃e to walle worte in a bryndreth in the kechen.

In the buttre.

Twelve sylver spones.

In the chamber.

The best chamber henged the best feder bed w^t^ the bolster a payre off the best shet℘ w^t^ blankett℘ the best cownterpoynte w^t^ a sparvo^r^ Item thre fflawnnders chest℘ two off the best pyllowis.

In the lardo^r^ howse.

A grete saltyng troghe off stone two saltyng troghes off wodde.

In the hall.

All the tables formes and trestles wyche be used there w^t^ the best table clothe Item a bulle and a boore.

TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII MAYNWARYNG.[1]

IN ye nayme off God amē ye xxth off July in ye yeř of or Lord God mcccc and xxxiiij I Laurens Maynwayryng hole and pfyte off mynd mayke my testamēt I cōmend and betake my sole to God allmythty and my body to be buret in ye Nontwyche churche I giffe to ye sayd churche vjs viijd pvidyt yt no moř be askyt by reson off any custom for my bureall Also I will yt ye abbey [abbot] off Cōburmeř have his due porcion for my mortuarye Also I giffe to Sr Thomas Ankers xs desyring hȳ to say a trentall off masses in ye Nontwyche church for my sole my wyfe child and all crysten soles Also I giffe to ye sayd Sr Thom"s vd desyring hȳ to say dirige and masse off ye v wonds for a frend yt ye curet will schew hȳ off and vijd to pore fokes for ye sayme pson latly deptyd Also I will yt Anker [*sic*] fad my ꝑntes schall have xiiijs pvydit yt my sayd prentȼ will pforme his prenteschypse as long as [he] was absent and make gud suche cappes as he sold wen he went And wheř John Mynton dyd desyre me to giffe hȳ a cappe and I dyd pmyse hȳ yfor I beqweth hȳ a cappe off ye best yt I have I giffe to Robt my prentȼ a serke and his workyng scherȼ I giffe to Ranald Stēson a cappe ye [best] off ye ij prestȼ cappȼ I giffe to my cosyn Olef Maynwayring a daggar and a pollax and to Hūfray Maynwayring a thycke cote and a pollax I giffe to Schenton wyffe a buschell off whete and to hur son my prentȼ a Kendall jacket ij serkȼ howse schone and a cappe I giffe Jone my bastard doghtur vjs viijd To John Fleecher a gowne and a salet and To John Ankers a jacket and a payre off hoose Also I giffe and beqweth to my iij doghtors for yayř chyldȼ partȼ yt is to Magery sevē poundȼ sterlyng and ye best sylver pese and all brokyn mone in my cofer to Margaret vjli and ye beste panne to Anne vjli and my

[1] No date of probate.

beste gowne Also when my dettꝙ beqwethis and fun̄all expensis be payd then I giffe, &c. yᵉ resydue off all my gudꝙ and tackꝙ and gronde to Ellyn my wyffe Also I orden and make my trysty cosyn Hūfray Maynwayring and Ellyn my wyffe my executors and my trusty cosyn Olev̄ ov̄sear off this testament Wyttenes John Maynwayring gentillmā John Prachet and Ranalld Stenson curatt Giffen yᵉ day and yeꝛ beforsayd.

TESTAMENTUM MARGARETE HOLFORDE.[1]

IN Dei noïe Amen Vicesimo quarto die mensis Augusti anno Dñi milliño quingentesimo quadrigesimo I Margaret Holford wedow late wyffe of Robert Holford of Nether Pevver in the counte of Chestr̄ gētylman now decessed beyng hole in bodye and havyng my good remembrañce and mynde dredyng the uncerten tyme of deathe make my last wyll and testament aftr̄ this maner and forme followyng ffirste I beqyth my sole to almyghtie God to our blessed ladie Saynte Marie and to all the celestiall cumpanye of hevyn and my bodie to be buried in [the] chauncell of the churche of Nether Pever afforsayde nygh unto my saide husbande Also I gyve &c. to the forsayd churche of Nether Pever xˢ sterlyng ther to be prayed fore Also I gyve &c. to sume honest and well disposed prest other xˢ sterlyng for to say a trentall of masses for my sole and for the sole of my tow husbandꝙ Also I giffe &c. to my doughter Katheryn my best demye my best bedys my best flore my best gowlde rynge all my beddyng pewter brasse and all other my instue [*sic*] and stuffe of howshowlde what some ever it be Also to the forsaid Katarine

[1] No date of probate. Margaret, widow of Robert, third son of Thomas Holford of Holford Esq. by Maud, daughter of William Buckley, Deputy Judge of Chester. — Ormerod, vol i. p. 494.

my doghter ij sil^{r} spones besid^{e} hyr þte off the other x^{t} silver spones Also I will y^{t} all my gownes and kyrtellis and all other mye joellis not before bequethed shalbe reserved and unbequethed wich I will have to giff att mye laste ende off mye deth to whom itt shall then please and content me Also to Dorathe Holford doghter off my sone John a heffur off iij yeris olde Also to M^{r}gerie Hoford doghter off my sone Philippe a sil^{r} spone Also to Philippe Hoford to Vane Mathew and Brian mye sones and to Katarine mye doghter ten sil^{r} spones equallie to be devidet among^{e} them bye even porcions Also mye bodie buried according to my degree and my det^{e} payde of my holle good^{e} then I will y^{t} all the residue of my good^{e} and catal^{e} and cornes shalbe devyded equallye by evyn portiones among^{e} my forsayd foure sonnes and my forsayd doughter Katheryn ffor as for John Holforde and Bartelmew Holforde my sonnes and Elenor Blanch and Esabell my doughters it is my will that the shall have no þte of my good^{e} cornes nor catal^{e} for the have hadde ther chyld^{e} þte of good^{e} and have seallett me acquietaunce therfor Also I will that Phillippe Holforde my sonne shall have all the grounde that I holde of Mr. Peres Werberton knynght caled Grosners feld^{e} aft^{r} my decesse Also I orden constitued and make Philipp Holford Evyn and Mathewe my sonnes and Katheryn my dough^{r} my faythfull executors to see that this my last will and teastament be acc^{o}plessed and trulie þformed as the shall answer befor the face of God at the dredfull day of jugment Also I orden and make my most trustye and welbeloved in Christe S^{r} Peres Dutton of Dutton knyght to be the overseeare of this my last will and teastement and to see that my saide executors trulye þforme this my last will and testament that the nor non other þsone nor þsons lete nor stope my will and testament as my speciall trust and confidens is in hyme Wytnes wher of to this my last will and testament I the forsayde Margarye Holford wedow have sett my seale the day and yere above specified thes beyng wittenes Mais^{r} George Holforde gentilman S^{r} Thomas

Eggerton Sr John Bentley preistꝙ Willm Byrchenhed teyliar withe others.

TESTAMENTUM DOMINE ANNE STANLEY.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The xxtie day of Novẽbre in the yere of or Lord 1557 and in the fourth and vth yeres of Phelippe and Marie &c. I Dame Anne Stanley of good and pfitte remembraunce praise and lawde be unto almightie God do ordeyne and make this my last will and testamẽt in maꝰ and forme followinge ffirst I geve and bequethe my soull to almightie God or Ladie Saint Marie and unto all the hollie cumpanye of heaven and my bodie to be buried wtin the pishe churche of Blakburne Item I geve to the said churche to be prayd for vjs viijd Item &c. to Robte Page my servaunt the bed that he lyethe upon wt all the clothis therto belonginge Itm &c. to John Kenion my servaunt iiijor shepe Itm &c. unto Mgaret Grene my servañt my frise gowne Itm &c. unto Anne Gibson my servaunt on whye stirke The residue of all my goodꝙ moveable and unmoveable my dettꝙ and quyddꝙ paid my funerall expensis discharged I gevꝙ &c. unto Sr Thom̃s Talbot knight my sonne whom I do ordeyne and make my true and lawfull execuť willinge hym to se that this my last will and testamẽt be fulfilled wth like effecte as I put hym in trust and as he will answere before God Thes beynge witnes Sr George Bromley prest Henry Filden Riĉ Hindill and Thom̃s Whalley wth others.

[1] No date of probate. The testatrix was daughter of Percival Hart of Lullingston in the county of Kent, Knt. She married, first, Edmund Talbot of Bashall Esq., by whom she had an only son, Sir Thomas Talbot Knt. Afterwards she married James, younger son of George Stanley, Baron Strange K.G. (ob. v. p.), eldest son of Thomas first Earl of Derby. From this marriage the present Earl of Derby is descended. — Whitaker's *Hist. of Craven*, p. 24; Nicolas's *Synopsis of the Peerage*, vol. i. p. 188.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CARINGTON DE CARINGTON ARMIGERI.[1]

Pbaſ xxviij Novembr̃ año mvc liiij^{to}.

IN the name of God Amen The ixth day of the monthe of Decembr in the yere after the incarnac̃on of or Lord Jhu Christ mvc liij and in the yere of the reigne of or most gracious sov̄aygne Ladie Marie by the grace of God quene of England Fraunce and Ireland defendor of the faithe and in earthe sup̄me head of the churche of England and also of Ireland the first, I John Carington of Carington wth^{in} the countie of Chester esquier do by thes p̄nts declare ordeyne constitute and make my last will and testamēt in man̄ and forme as hereafter ensuethe That is to say ffirst and principallie I com̄end my sowle into the handꝭ of my Lord God most humblie besechinge hym by the merites of his sonne or Lord Jhu Christes passion to associate the same wth his glorious cumpanie of angellꝭ and electe sauntꝭ in heavin And I will that my bodie shalbe buried in Xtian sepulture in the poche churche of Bowdon in the countie of Chester wth^{in} the chapell there called St Nicolas chapell wherin the bodies of my

[1] John, son and heir of John Carrington of Carrington Esq., by Margaret, daughter of Sir John Warburton of Arley Knt., married first Anne, daughter of —— Legh of Boothes, who had no issue. He married secondly Ellen, daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by whom he had a son and heir, John, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Joane, and Elinor. He married thirdly Ellen, daughter of William Brereton of Brereton Esq., the mother of William, Andrew, and Katherine Carrington. The testator died 19th November 1 Mary, and was succeeded by his son and heir John Carrington, who left an only daughter and heiress, Jane, wife of Sir George Booth of Dunham Knt. Though she had no issue by him and was afterwards divorced, the Carrington estate remained in the possession of Sir George Booth and is now the property of the present Earl of Stamford and Warrington, the representative of the noble family of Booth of Dunham Massey. — Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 411, 412. Dr. Ormerod's statement as to the death of the testator is inconsistent with the date of the will.

father and other of my auncestors have bene heretofore buried And touchinge the paymēt of my mortuarye hit is my will that hit be paid accordinge to the tenor of the acte of Plyamēt in suche case pvyded And where my said father by his last will and testamēt gave and bequethed unto me the said John a chaine of golde and willed that the same shuld after my decesse be lefte to remaine to the heires males of my bodie and so from heire male to heire successyvelie to continue and be to the heires males inheritors of the manor of Carington and there to remaine as an heirelome of his gyfte for ev̄ And did also bequeth to my sonne and heire apparent John Carington one crucifixe of gold and one grett pece of gold coyned of the value of vli xijs or nere thereabout and did also by his said last will geve and bequethe to me and to my said sonne John the residue of all those his goodꝙ and cattaillꝙ wch shuld happen to remaine unspent ov̄ and above the paymēt and discharge of his dettꝙ and funallꝙ and of his legacies and bequestꝙ in the said will mencōed and willed that I shuld duringe my liefe have the rule and order of the said residue of the saide goodꝙ and cattaillꝙ so as is aforsaide bequethed to me and to my said sonne John C. as by the said last will and testamēt of my said father amongꝙ dyverse other thingꝙ therin conteynid more at large hit may appere Sithens the makinge of wch saide last will and testamēt of my said father I the said John C. have caused the said chaine of gold bequethid by my said father as is aforsaid to be altered and newlie made and fashioned and for the betteringe therof have put into the same as well the said crucifixe of gold as also certen other gold of myne owne wherbie the chaine nowe made is much better then the said chaine and crucifixe bequethid by my saide father as afore was wherfore I myndinge that the true meaninge of my said father touchinge his said legacie of the chaine aforsaid shuld be accomplished will and by thes p̄sētꝙ I bequethe to my saide sonne John C. my said chaine of gold newlie made and fasshioned as afore willinge and requiringe hym to leave the same at his decease to suche

ꝑson as shall happen then to be here male and owner of the said manor of Carington to thentent the same may remaine from here male to here male as an herelome in lyeu and recompence of the said chaine bequethed as afore by my said father And I will that my saide [son] John C. shall have the saide pece of gold of the value of vli xijs or thereabout bequethed to him by my said father and also shall have all other those and suche the gooddes and cattallꝭ late of my saide father as at the tyme of my deathe shall happen to remaine or be in my handꝭ custodie possession or kepinge unadmīstred and not allevid sold exchannged or otherwyse spent gevin bestowed or put away since the deathe of my saide father to be had and enjoyed to my said sonne John C. to his awne use in liew and recompence of all those gooddes and cattallꝭ late of my saide father wch the same my father by his said last will did geve and bequethe to me and my said sonne joyntlie as ys aforsaide All which chaine goodddꝭ cattallꝭ and other the premyses appointed or bequethed to my said sonne John I will shalbe in the custodie order and kepinge of myne executors hereafter named untill my said sonne shalbe of the full age of xxjti yeres yf he so longe do lyve And concerninge the disposicōn of all those myne owne propꝭ goodddꝭ and cattallꝭ wch were not heretofore the gooddes or cattallꝭ of my saide father I will that all my dettꝭ and likewyse the charges and expenns of my buriall and funꝑallꝭ and all thingꝭ touchinge the same and the probate of my testamēt shalbe in all thingꝭ paid ꝑformed and done of my aside goodddꝭ and cattaillꝭ before any dyvision or particōn therof And after the same my dettꝭ and charges and expenceꝭ of my buriall and funꝑallꝭ wth the probate of my testamēt and all things touchinge the same shalbe paid ꝑformed and done of my hole gooddes and cattallꝭ then I will that all suche ꝑte and porcōn of my saide goodddꝭ and cattallꝭ as shall then remaine unspent and not bestowed or paid shalbe devided in thre ptꝭ as egallie and indifferentlie as hit may be done by and wth the advyse and consent of my said execuť Of wch

my goodd℘ and cattall℘ so in thre pt℘ to be devided I will that my welbelovid wiefe Ellin C. shall have to her owne use one of the same thre pt℘ at her owne choyse and election to be taken after the division therof for and in full recompence and satisfaction of her pte and porc̃on to her belonginge for her reasonable pte of all my goodd℘ and cattall℘ And of the other two part℘ and residue of my saide goodd℘ and cattaill℘ so in thre part℘ to be as is aforsaide devided I geve and bequethe to ev̄y one of my serv̄nt℘ at this present receyvinge my wages the som̄e of one quarters wages And also whereas my singular good cosin John Grymisdiche owethe unto me vli xvs iiijd I wth hartie thank℘ remitte the same unto hym And also I geve to my cosin his wiefe the colt heretofore to her by me pmysed And all the residue of the said two part℘ I geve to my children that is to witt to my sonne and heire John C. my sonne Wm C. my sonne Andrewe C. and to my iiijor doughtors Elizabeth C. Elenor C. Joan C. and Kat̃ C. equallie and indifferentlie by the discrecon of my saide executors And I make my lawfull executors the right worshipfull and my trustie frend John Warburton knight my welbeloved wiefe my brother in lawe Edward Holland esquier my brother Hamlet C. and my brother George C. And concerninge my chapleyne Sr Nicolas Warburton I will that he have xls wth meate and drinke and honest lodginge or els iiijli for his full stipend accordinge to the gyfte of my father to be receyvid at myne executors hand℘ of the profett℘ of all my tithes and of the ov̄plus of the lease of my demaine land℘ of Carington And also I geve to my neybors in Carington xls and other xls for my neybors in Flixton Also I will that the occupacon of my tithe corne of Carington and also my white tithe of Carington Ptington and of the halfe towne of Ashton and my cōvent seale in Thelwall shalbe unto my wiefe and children untill suche tyme as my sonne and heire come and be of the age of xxjti yeres And then they and ev̄y of them to be and remaine to my saide sonne and heire and to my howse of Carington Also I geve to the said Sr John Warburton knight my

blacke amblinge geldinge and an old ryall of gold And also to my brother Edward Holland an other riall of gold and to my brothers Hamlet George and Bonaventure and to evy of them a pece of gold And I geve to my brother Andrewe Brerton my gray hobbie And I geve unto Rafe Holland for old familiaritie betwixe us some reasonable thinge of the monie againe wch he oweth me And I geve unto my brother Bonaventure the monie that Wm Ward owethe me And I geve unto John Shirt of the some yt he oweth me xxs at the lest And I geve to Sr Wm Brerton xli of suche monie as he oweth unto me And I remitt to my said brother Bonaventure xvs wch he oweth me Thes beynge witnes Ric Warbton clarke Edward Salesburie John Rydinge Thomes Martin Gervase Lacie Henrye Bagnley wth manie others.

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